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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Here the Prince of Preachers, Great Baptist of London (1834-1892) Leads Us Into Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus

His Name -- Wonderful!

By Charles H. Spurgeon

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful."—Isaiah 9:6.

The person spoken of in our text is undoubtedly the Lord Jesus Christ. He is a child born, with reference to His human nature; He is born of the virgin, a child. But He is a Son given, with reference to His divine nature, being given as well as born. Of course, the godhead could not be born of woman. That was from everlasting, and is to everlasting. As a child, He was born; as a Son, He was given. "The government is upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful."

Beloved, there are a thousand things in this world that are called by names that do not belong to them; but in entering upon my text, I must announce at the very opening that Christ is called Wonderful because He is so. God the Father never gave His Son a name which He did not deserve. There is no panegyric here, no flattery. It is just the simple name that He deserves; they that know Him best will say that the word doth not overstrain His merits, but rather falleth infinitely short of His glorious deserving. His name is called Wonderful. And mark, it does not merely say that God has given Him the name of Wonderful—though that is implied; but "his name shall be called" so. It shall be; it is at this time called Wonderful by all His believing people, and it shall be. As long as the moon endureth, there shall be found men, and angels, and glorified spirits, who shall always call Him by His right name. "His name shall be called Wonderful."

I find that this name may bear two or three interpretations. The word is sometimes in Scripture translated "marvelous." Jesus Christ may be called marvelous; and a learned German interpreter says that without doubt the meaning of miraculous is also wrapped up in it. Christ is the marvel of marvels, the miracle of miracles. "His name shall be called Miraculous," for He is more than a man; He is God's highest miracle. "Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh."

It may also mean separated or distinguished. And Jesus Christ may well be called this, for as Saul was distinguished from all men, being head and shoulders taller than they, so is Christ distinguished.

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Charles H. Spurgeon

Personality Portrait

Last chapter in the biography of
Dr. John R. Rice, MAN SENT FROM GOD,
by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden."—Galatians 5:22-6:5.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."—John 13:34, 35.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."—I Corinthians 13:1-3.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . ."—Proverbs 23:7.

John R. Rice is a fighter of the first magnitude. Apparently he has never heard the trumpet blow a retreat—or if he has, it has been woefully and entirely ignored. In a previous chapter we called him a destructionist. He is all of that and more. Yet when we came to write this chapter and meditated long about his most outstanding characteristic, the only distinctive we could seriously consider twice was the characteristic of love.

Does this seem strange or paradoxical? If it does, perhaps we have forgotten the meaning of the word "love." "God is love" (I John 4:8, 16), but He is also "a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). The God who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16) is described in Scripture as hating (Zeph. 8:17; Prov. 6:16-19) and as being "angry with

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God's Greatest Undertaking (Making Saints Out of Sinners)

By Evangelist Fred Brown

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"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."—John 3:5-7.

Man placed himself in Satan's dominion by his act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. He chose to eat of the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" rather than the "tree of life." It was his choice to act independently of God, and by his choice he fell into and under the curse of sin. He has been a part of Satan's kingdom of darkness and sin ever since.

Jesus said in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil . . ." That expression explains man's condition. He is the creature of God, but by relationship, and after deliberate choice, a child of the

Devil. Being a child of the Devil, man has the Devil's fallen nature and is under his control, and unless saved, he will share his same fate, which is the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:10: "And the devil . . . was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone." Revelation 20:15: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

God has proposed to do something about His lost creation. If He didn't, then Satan could claim to have had more power than God. If Satan could take what God created and mar and scar it beyond repair, then he would be defeating and thwarting the purposes of God.

But man had no sooner fallen, than the Saviour God came on the scene to announce His proposed plan of rescue for the perishing creature. In Genesis 3:15, He pins a star of hope on the dark horizon of the world's night, and with a trumpet blast of hope, announces a coming Redeemer. One who can not only undo what Satan has done, but One who can destroy him, and rescue those who have been lost through the fall.

The greatest task ever set for anyone, was the task of redemption set for Jesus Christ. How is He to take a fallen man, with nothing but a sinful nature, out of harmony with God and Heaven, and bring him out of Satan's kingdom, putting him in the kingdom of God's own Son? Paul, in

contemplating this great work, breaks out in rapturous strains in Ephesians 3:17-19:

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God."

It took knowledge, but it also took love, for Christ to be willing to pay such a debt, to make sinners fit for Heaven. Remember, sinner friend, the greatest wisdom and love in this universe, combine to open Heaven's door for you, at no cost to you, and when you were unworthy of the least effort.

Now to a study of how all this was done. We come to John, the "Gospel of Belief," and to the words of Christ the Redeemer to find out in detail, how He proposed.

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Dr. Fred Brown

"Students Riot at Wheaton College"

Mob Tosses Mud at Cops; 3 Arrested

(Front-page headline in the Wheaton Daily Journal April 28, 1961)

The principal front-page article and headlines in the Wheaton Daily Journal for Friday, April 28, were those given above. The Chicago Tribune also had a front-page article about the "fireworks and mud balls . . . on the Wheaton College campus," and the Chicago Daily News had an article on "Wheaton wing-ding students splatter cops with mud."

The Daily Journal article is here given in full:

"Spring fever" erupted with a bang at Wheaton College last night, as between 400 and 500 students rioted in a post-exam display of fireworks and exuberance.

"In the aftermath, three students face police charges, half a dozen policemen are scrubbing their uniforms, Police Chief Herb White is unhappy and the college is trying to root out the cause of it all.

"The riot tied up the entire Wheaton Police Department for more than an hour and was dispersed only after White faced the

mob with a gas gun and demanded that they disperse.

"The evening's fun began when police received a complaint at 9:25 p.m. that students were collecting at the intersection of Irving and Franklin and that firecrackers were being shot off.

"The students, police were told, were being 'unruly and boisterous.'

"The first squad car to answer the call was manned by Officers Jack Doyle and Walter Schnurstein. When they arrived at the intersection and asked the group to go home, they were blocked by students. When they stepped from their car, students emphasized their point by hurling mud balls at the policemen.

"Before the hour was done, another car, manned by Ray Schnurstein, James Ward and Robert Behmer, arrived to be greeted by a similar reception.

"Patrolman Danny Hartigan, on a motorcycle, was hemmed in by students and was unable to move.

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Dr. Rice on Campus of Bob Jones University



Our nineteenth grandchild, John Robert Rice, II, was born May 25. The father is Billy Carl Rice; the mother, the editor's fifth daughter, Joanna Rice. Since Joanna married a Rice, she did not have to change her name, and, since Mrs. Rice and I had six daughters and no sons, this is the only way I could have a grandson named Rice!

John Robert weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces at birth, and Mrs. Rice rather slanderously reports that he has big ears like his granddad!

Linda, his three-year-old sister, said in her prayer, "Lord, we thank you for the new baby brother. We named him John Robert because that is Pawpaw's name, and we wanted to name our baby after Pawpaw." Later, she prayed, "Lord, we need another one, Aunt Libby has two!"

That makes nineteen grandchildren, including several adopted ones.

At Bob Jones University Commencement

These notes are written Tuesday morning before breakfast in Greenville, South Carolina, where I came yesterday to have part in the board meeting of Bob Jones University Trustees, and to enjoy as much of the wonderful Commencement program as I can. How beautiful is this twenty-two-million-dollar campus, with new gymnasium, new dormitory, new chemistry building.

Last night we (Roger Martin, Joy Rice Martin, and I) attended the Commencement concert. The University Symphony Orchestra, the University Oratorio Society and other University cultural groups gave a tremendous concert. Mr. Pratt of the speech department gave Poe's, *The Raven*, with the orchestra accompaniment. The voice department gave Act 4 of *La Traviata*. This Commencement concert was given twice, on last Thursday night and on Monday night, to accommodate the four or five thousand who wanted to hear it.

Tonight the classic players will give the second time in a week Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. That great presentation, too, of course must be given twice.

In a moment I will go to breakfast, then at nine there will be devotions in the Rodeheaver Auditorium, then at ten the annual board meeting. I count it a great honor and a great privilege to be

on the board of this great University which is truly "the World's Most Unusual University." At 1:15 there will be the alumni banquet. And I must fly back tonight, God willing, for a full day tomorrow, before going to Commencement services of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pontiac, and a conference on revival and soul winning in Emmanuel Baptist Church there.

The Last University Chapel of the Session

This morning at nine o'clock the great Rodeheaver Auditorium seating some twenty-eight hundred in opera chairs and two or three hundred more on the stage, was jammed for devotions, the last chapel period of the school year. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., spoke. It was blessed to hear the last chapel message of the year on soul winning! A report of the preacher boys' work during the school year showed there had been some 12,000 meetings, 5,600 souls won, nearly 4,000 reclaimed, 197,000 tracts handed out, 72,500 individuals dealt with in soul-winning efforts.

The last song of the chapel period was "Rescue the Perishing," then Dr. Jones had the entire student body and faculty stand, and he asked them to solemnly pledge themselves that this summer they would give themselves to soul winning. I noticed the hands were raised high, nearly all the student body and faculty pledging themselves to this soul-winning activity.

Thus, at Bob Jones University, an evangelist feels just as much at home as a football halfback would in the average college, or as an unbelieving science professor would. Thank God for "the World's Most Unusual University" where the old-time Christian faith is preached and believed without apology, where soul winning is the main thing, and the will of God is the first concern.

An Unusual University Board Meeting

At ten o'clock we gathered in the library building for the annual board meeting at Bob Jones University. Most of us on the regular board were present, and a number of the co-operating board.

The report for the year both financially and spiritually was heart-warming. The facilities have been crowded. The assets of the University now amount to more than twenty-two million dollars, without debt. The finest spirit prevails. Already the student reservations for next year are within twenty-five of the total fall enrollment last fall! President Bob Jones, Jr., says the facilities, new dormitory and all, will be crowded to capacity. A wonderful spirit prevails among faculty and students.

On the motion of President Monroe Parker of Pillsbury Col-

lege, Bob Jones, III, was elected to be assistant to the president, his father. And then it came out, with many testimonies and some tears, that all of us had been prayerfully considering the same thing. It was a unanimity brought by the Holy Spirit. And solemnly the young man, honor graduate and serving on the administrative staff, pledged that "as long as there is a Bob Jones here at the university we will be true and stand fast."

The board meeting closed with many warm testimonies, a solemn prayer.

It is wonderful that a university with the highest academic standards, with a cultural background and Christian leadership training superior to anything else I know in the world, should put the spiritual life first and soul winning and being true to the Word of God.

Tonight Shakespeare's "Hamlet" by the University Classic Players

I am staying over tonight at Bob Jones University to see Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. The lead part will be played by Bob Jones, III, who follows in the steps of his gifted father, President Jones. I look forward to seeing *Hamlet*, as I saw it once before here, and as I have seen other Shakespeare plays. I have seen the tremendous wardrobe, and I have no doubt that the staging, the stage managing, the costumes would be acceptable in the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Some people are suspicious when Bob Jones University puts on a Shakespeare play. Let all good Christians be reassured; no one has ever graduated from Bob Jones University to go professionally on the stage. Rather, there are two or three tremendous objects thus attained. First, the immortal bard, Shakespeare, the greatest writer of all human history outside the Bible, will become very real and beautiful to those who hear. I taught Shakespeare to college freshmen in my teaching days. But I think one will learn more by seeing *Hamlet* performed one time than if he spent a solid month in studying the play. Here is a way to develop reverence for great literature, and to develop a taste for the classics.

Another important object is that Bob Jones University students are preparing for leadership. They must learn to speak out and be heard. They must learn to be at home on a stage, and in any company. They must learn voice, poise, dramatic expression, tender appeal. All the speech classes will not do what the drilling and memorizing and producing of one Shakespeare play will do for a student. And to see the thing performed, hear the voice, to be thrilled by the dramatic emotional impact, does much of the same thing for those who hear. The plain truth is that to present Shakespeare's *Hamlet* twice before nearly three thousand people each time, and to present it in a way that would be acceptable on any great stage in the world, is part of the tremendous leadership training which makes Bob Jones University "the World's Most Unusual University."

By staying over for Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, I will be up all night. I leave Greenville at 11:20, spend two and a half hours in the airport at Atlanta, arrive in Chicago early tomorrow morning. But I will sleep a little on the plane. I have my dictating machine and I will slip into a quiet nook in the lounge at Atlanta and get some dictation done tonight. And then I hope I can get a good day's work done tomorrow, with broadcasts made, letters answered, editorial work done.

Have You Planned a SWORD Sunday?

We believe that there are hundreds and hundreds of pastors and churches that ought to have a SWORD Sunday. You ought to take one of the principal services of the week, give four or five minutes to a discussion of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, pass out sample copies, and stop then and there to collect subscriptions for THE SWORD. If you will agree to such a plan, giving out the samples, and will earnestly try to take subscriptions there in the service and send them in, we will send



By

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner,
Contributing Editor

Love in Action

Down in Florence, South Carolina, there is a stocky, friendly Negro who has just completed his twenty-fourth year in a dedicated crusade against children's diseases. The redcap's fight began in 1937 when his childhood sweetheart died of polio. Since then, the Negro, James Jones, has raised the amazing total of \$148,659.71 in fund drives dedicated to fighting childhood diseases, principally the March of Dimes.

Most of his efforts are made by riding his bike from the railroad station where he works as a redcap to the downtown area a mile distance, taking a post on a strategic street corner near a bank or wherever people gather, and holding out a large glass jar with the name of the fund inscribed on the outside. His collection for the March of Dimes earlier this year was \$7,660.86, not counting the final day's take.

One paragraph stood out sharply in my mind when I read the news item of his heroic exploits. That paragraph said: "He's given up many vacations, off-duty days, holidays and Saturday nights. Rain or cold has made little difference."

Truly this is "love in action" and would to God those who have been redeemed by His precious blood might express their love in a kindred fashion, fighting for the cause that is the main interest of our Saviour's heart: *the souls of men*.

Do you love Jesus Christ enough to give up vacations, off-duty days, holidays and Saturday nights to visit the lost, trying to win them to Christ? Does rain or cold make any difference in your labors? "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:18).

Are You a Book Hater?

Dr. Frank C. Baxter, English professor and TV personality, called Americans anti-book readers and charged that one-half of all our citizens do not read one single book a year. Baxter, a professor at the University of Southern California, further charged that one out of every three college graduates—the type you would expect to be interested in books—does not read a book a year.

It is important to read books. It is more important to read good books. It is most important to read *The Book!* "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

More About Lung Cancer

The National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago made a nation-wide sampling of doctor's opinions last year asking: "Is cigarette smoking a major cause of lung cancer?"

Over two-thirds of the doctors replied: "Definitely" or "Probably." Another 14 per cent had

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no opinion. Some competent scientists still consider the smoking-lung cancer link "unproved or possibly false" but the American Cancer Society, along with the great bulk of informed research men, strongly believe the link to be "well established." It is not "smart" to smoke—it is very, very foolish!

The Call of God

God often uses catastrophes to direct a derelict's thinking back to the realm of reality. An example of this took place some weeks back when a building in Chicago collapsed as it was being demolished by a professional wrecking crew, trapping several workers in the debris. One of the men, a 25-year-old Negro named William McCoy, was rescued after long and earnest labor.

When it was determined that he would survive, the subdued McCoy said from his hospital bed: "I can't live like I was. I lost track of God somewhere. I'll go back to church now. I used to be a Baptist."

How tragic it is that God so often has to use severe means to remind His own creatures of Himself and their duties to Him. Yet how much it is the grace of God that He does so, and any tragedy becomes a blessing if it results in a God-consciousness on the part of the victim.

The prophet Nahum reminds us, "The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:3).

Oceans of Illegal Booze

Regarding the decade just ended, there are some interesting figures about moonshine liquor production. For example, 214,000 stills were seized by the law; nearly one out of every five bottles of liquor Americans consumed was of the bootleg variety; each year saw an average of 61 million gallons produced by moonshiners; over 150 people died outright from drinking the stuff and hundreds more were hospitalized for illness and blindness for the same reason. It is estimated that Uncle Sam lost (on federal, state and local levels) almost \$7 billion in tax revenues because of bootlegging.

Who said so?

Believe it or not, the figures are those supplied by the very gang which solemnly promised at the close of the prohibition era that if we would repeal the 18th Amendment, bootlegging would be a thing of the past. These statistics are from the report of the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc. Incidentally, the president of LBI, Thomas J. Donovan, had the audacity to say in his report that in addition to the forfeited taxes and the criminal profit resulting from the illegal operations, "the public health also was imperiled."

What on earth does he think his booze—with the government stamp on the bottle—did? It certainly didn't make any of the criminal element into law-abiding citizens and none of the sick were made well from partaking of the products distributed by the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc.

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru June 25:

First Baptist Church
Russiaville, Indiana

June 27-July 9:

Faith Baptist Tabernacle
2917 Wauchope Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Iowa People, Come to the Revival Campaign

Next Sunday, June 4, we begin county-wide revival services in the high school at Centerville, Iowa, sponsored by Bible-believing churches and pastors and Christians of the area. In the evening of June 18 we begin a similar county-wide revival campaign in a big tent at Corydon, Iowa, sponsored by a fine group of churches and pastors. That campaign will go on through July 2. We hope that friends in Southern Iowa, whenever possible, will come to one or both of these series of meetings and that all will pray for the blessing of God for many to be saved.



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"What's in a Name?"

One of the great rewards of having a large host of relatives is that there is always something happening. One never has a chance to sit back with a "ho-hum" and ponder over how boring life can become. There is always a new baby, a wedding, an operation, a new home or some special advancement for someone in the family! And when one's family is especially close, the joys and excitements and heartaches are even more completely shared.

Right now we are at a temporary standstill as far as family weddings are concerned. The last sister was married last August and all the nieces and nephews are still a little young to be starting anything exciting in that direction. That makes our most current and frequent interest a rather regular parade of new babies. Libby and Walt, who already had five lovely boys and girls, have just added a precious set of twins to their little hoard and now this morning Joanna and Bill became parents of their third child and first boy—John Robert Rice. Early in the fall we will all be looking forward to the arrival of Joy's first baby. So, as I said, babies have become our most frequent topic of conversation!

With nineteen various and assorted cousins on one side of the family alone, it has become increasingly difficult to find just the right name for each new baby. In spite of our best efforts, some of the names get repeated here and there and we have to distinguish between cousins by adding a second name. The problem is even greater when two little ones have to be named at the same time. The little Handford twins went around for several days as "little boy" and "little girl" before they became perfectly and permanently labeled as Billy and Judy, or more properly, William Lee and Judith Ann.

Sandy and I have always tried to have some special significance in the names we gave our babies. Each of our children carries the name of someone dear, but at the same time we have tried to make the combination of names simple and pleasing in sound. We have pretty much come to the conclusion that the classical, traditional names, however common, seem to wear better than the unusual ones.

Modern, faddish names, though often "cute," have always bothered me a little, especially when I have considered how they will sound addressed to a full-grown man or woman. Of course the reverse is true also. A long, pompous family name can sound mighty awkward and out-of-place on a little pink-cheeked, fuzzy-headed baby!

Well, regardless of the given name, it is the surname which finds a place of utmost importance in society. The rights of an heir belong to the child who bears his father's name. And with the rights go a number of responsibilities. I read recently that Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the President, is often stopped short in the middle of tears by the reminder, "Kennedy's don't cry." I'm not exactly sure why Kennedy's don't cry, but at least a little girl is learning to respect the standards of the family name she wears. I have heard my father say that when he was a boy growing up, his father would frequently remind him, "Son, remember you are a Rice." Often that was all that was needed to keep him from some special temptation to do wrong.

There ought to be a sense of honor that accompanies a family name. And what is true on a human level is certainly true on a spiritual level as well. As a human father takes pride in a son which brings him honor, so the Lord delights in His children who bring glory to His name. Take the case of Job, for example. How pleased the Lord must have been when He said to Satan, "Hast thou considered . . . Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man . . . ?" And in the same sense that an earthly father loves and pleads with a wayward son, so the Lord tenderly pleads with His backslidden children:

"If my people, which are called BY MY NAME, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chronicles 7:14.

What an awesome responsibility that our Heavenly Father, just as certainly and completely as any earthly father, "calls us by His name!"

Loves Even Me, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Ring the Bells of Heaven, Open the Gates of the Temple, and The Church in the Wildwood. Twelve selections. DIADEM DLP-123.

Next comes a pleasant album by the Houghton College Trumpet Trio accompanied by organist-pianist John Nordquist. The trio consists of Robert Vogan, Ronald Kerr and Robert MacKenzie. They are in constant demand for meetings throughout the Eastern United States and Canada. There are twelve numbers: eight with trumpets, two piano solos, one organ solo, and a vocal. The titles include: In My Heart There Rings a Melody, Power in the Blood, If You Want Joy (vocal), All Hail the Power, My Anchor Holds, Invitation Medley (piano). DIADEM DLP-127.

On his latest album, Mr. Carle sings several recent compositions and reads familiar Bible passages. The album is appropriately titled, Speaking and Making Melody. Mr. Carle composed one of the songs in the album. He has support, as he sings, from the Men of Note Quartet. The Bible readings are fittingly chosen for the songs, but it seemed to us the reading was too rapid. Six selections each with a Bible passage. Titles: Be Calm My Soul (by Roe) with Ps. 107; O Love Divine (Carle)

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with I Cor. 13; and Abiding Love (Roe) with John 15. Mr. Otis Skillings is the pianist-arranger. WORD W-3150-LP.

Southern Baptist readers and others will be happy to know of an album recently produced by The Southwestern Singers of the School of Church Music of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas. Side one features some heavy, formal sacred classics: Motet, Op. 29, No. 2 (Brahms) and The Redeemer (Sateran). Side two presents spirituals and gospel songs. A fine album by a student group. R. Paul Green conducts the mixed chorus. WORD W-3124-LP.

On the quiet Red Vinyl pressing, Mr. Dick Bolks presents an even dozen piano solos. Miss Dorothy Marsh adds a soprano obligato and now and then sings lyrics. On some numbers there is a rhythmic accompaniment by a string ensemble. Stuart Noordyk, whose company produced this album, says of Bolks, "His technique is superb. His musical knowledge is rich . . . A genius indeed." There are twelve selections. Some of the titles are: Melody Divine (also album title), Ivory Palaces, In My Heart There Rings a Melody, No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus, It Is No Secret (done with chimes). NOORDYK N-LP-16.

Sing . . . With Us is the title of an interesting album of favorite gospel songs sung by the Ralph Carmichael Chorus. With the album comes a half dozen song sheets so that you may indeed . . . "sing along." The songs are the standard arrangements which appear in most hymn books. This will make a delightful album for family use. Put it on your record player and become a part of the chorus. The jacket gives a short story about the writing of each song. Some of the titles: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, My Redeemer, It Is Well With My Soul, We're Marching to Zion, God Will Take Care of You, Amazing Grace, and When We All Get to Heaven. Twelve numbers. You will get much enjoyment from this album. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi-1391 Stereo-391.

Barbara Speaks sang for two years with the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour. More recently she has been heard on the Morning Chapel Hour with Wilbur Nelson. With a choral background, arrangements by Scott Douglas, and accompaniment provided by Leroy Urseth at the organ, and Charles Magnussen at the piano, Mrs. Speaks sings twelve sacred songs on the album titled: My Savior's Love. A contralto, Mrs. Speaks is presently soloist at the Temple Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Though not well-known, Mrs. Speaks has a fine voice and sings with understanding. The album is a blessing. Some of the titles include: There Is No Greater Love, O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Why? Jesus Led Me All the Way, Day By Day. ZONDERVAN ZLP-570.

That's it. We will turn off the record player and place the albums back in their jackets. Come and join us next month about this time. We will have more new releases to share with you.

Can we help you find recordings you want? Write to us. Your let-

Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST BILL HALL, P.O. Box 427, Greeneville, Tennessee, held a revival meeting April 17-30 in the Laurel Hill Gospel Tabernacle of Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. There were 24 first-time decisions for salvation, plus 23 rededications. There were a number of other decisions among Christians also. The pastor reports that Brother Hall's sermons were interesting, compassionate, and powerful. There has been a good increase in the visitation program since the revival with souls saved almost every night in that visitation.

Evangelist Bill Hall also conducted a meeting in the Grace Baptist Church of West Columbia, South Carolina, May 14-21. Rev. H. Moody Roberts, pastor, reports that in this new independent Baptist church organized in January of this year, there were 8 adults professing salvation, 27 or more children also professed salvation, and there were a host of decisions among Christians. Brother Roberts reports, "Mr. Hall is easy to work with. He preaches the Word of God clear and pointed. His messages are both interesting and convicting."

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a twelve-day meeting in May in a church at Grass Lake, Michigan, where Carmen Carpenter is pastor. Attendance at the meetings rose from 20 to 120 with 6 decisions for salvation, 5 for full-time service, and 20 rededications. The pastor heartily recommends Brother Wilson for his way of rebuking the people that makes them love him when he is done.

EVANGELIST TOM FAIR, 3431 South East 36th Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon, conducted a week of revival meetings April 2-9 in the Elmhurst Baptist Church of Oakland, California. Rev. Don Watson, pastor, reports 23 decisions for salvation and many other decisions among Christians. He also reports the prayer meeting attendance has grown considerably since the meetings.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, held a one-week revival meeting recently in the National Baptist Church of Taylor, Michigan. Rev. W. M. Young, pastor, reports 10 saved and a host of decisions among Christians.

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythwood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival meeting April 19-30 in the First Baptist Church of Hoopes-

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ton, Illinois. Waldo F. Grandstaff, pastor, reports 43 conversions and 57 other decisions for church membership, baptism, rededication or surrender to soul winning. The pastor reports that it was the greatest revival he has ever witnessed and according to many of the church members, the best they have had in forty years. He heartily recommends Brother Schunk as a Spirit-filled, hard-working evangelist with a deep compassion for souls.

EVANGELIST ARNOLD WILKIS, 405 Linden Circle, Huntington 5, West Virginia, reports a good meeting in the Norvelt Union Church, Norvelt, Pennsylvania, May 8-14. There were 3 conversions and 5 rededications.

DR. HOMER BRITTON, 500 Portview Place, Chattanooga, Tennessee, held an eight-day revival meeting April 30-May 7 in the Bethel Baptist Church of Burlington, Wisconsin. John R. Loggans, pastor, reports 15 saved during the meeting and 1 after the meetings were over. On the last Sunday night the pastor baptized 13 converts.

EVANGELIST HAROLD BOYD, 2800 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, reports several revivals held recently. March 26-April 2 in Hulse, Oklahoma, where Rev. R. L. Gray is pastor, there were a number of rededications, but no conversions reported. April 9-16 in the Greenwood Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Rev. Bob Post is pastor, the Lord blessed with 33 additions—25 of them by profession of faith and baptism. April 23-May 7, Brother Boyd was in the Pleasantview Baptist Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Rev. George Williams is pastor. In spite of bad weather the Lord gave good crowds and 8 additions to the church.

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma (Continued on page 5)

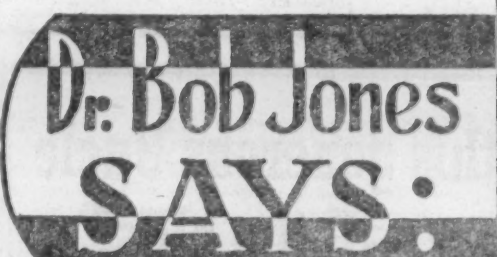


Bud Lyles

We have had many kind letters and cards from readers. Then, too, we have met folk in meetings here and there who say they appreciate these reviews.

We do not stock recordings to sell. From time to time we include addresses of the companies which send us recordings to review.

Heading the list this month is an album titled: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us. It features Patsy (Cahall) Coven at the organ, an unusually talented musician. Since 1952, Patsy has played for Jack Wyrzten and the network broadcast, the "Word of Life Hour." The album offers a good bit of variety in the choice of selections. We enjoyed the arrangement of the title song plus For You I Am Praying, Jesus



We quite often tell you about letters we receive from our graduates and also from parents of young people who are presently enrolled in Bob Jones University. But I have a letter and a check today from the mother of two former students who were here in school twenty years ago, and she writes: "It has been a long time, but I will ever be grateful to you and thankful to the Lord for the Bible teaching and spiritual instruction which our sons received from you 1940-1944. Hence the enclosed check for \$50 as a token of gratitude."

My friends, God has wonderfully blessed Bob Jones University throughout the years since it was founded more than thirty-four years ago; and we feel confident

that the reason He has blessed us as He has is because: we have stood true to Him and to His Word regardless of the cost. You can have a real part in the work here, and you can do this in three ways. First: You can pray daily for the University. We need prayer more than we need anything else in the world. Second: You can help us select the right kind of young people to be trained for real Christian leadership. Third: You can invest some of the Lord's money in the work here. Won't you let us hear from you? Please do. Thank you, and God bless you.

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Would I Fellowship With Bishop Kennedy?

By the Editor

The editor received the following letter from a useful Christian editor who now lives in Los Angeles. He is the well-known former editor of *The Sermon Builder* magazine. He says:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Just a word about a problem or matter that seems to be bobbing up quite frequently these days.

"A few days ago I saw a copy (for the first time) of Billy Graham's publication. In the notes on his forthcoming campaigns there was a note regarding the campaign scheduled for Los Angeles in 1963. It stated that Bishop Kennedy had promised his support and the support of the Methodist Church.

"Now, when Billy was here in 1948 or '49, the only Methodist church that supported the campaign was Trinity Methodist, Bob Shuler's. The others were conspicuous by their absence. Apparently the Methodist attitude has changed since that time, and so has Billy.

"Bishop Kennedy, as you know, is quite a modernist, and quite representative of the Methodist Church as it is today. He is reputed not to believe in a literal Hell (I got this from Bob Shuler's *Methodist Challenge*) and he recently stated that he agreed 99 per cent with Bishop Pike! He is also an implacable enemy of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the John Birch Society, Carl McIntire, and everybody else who is campaigning against communism!

"I believe the NAE, Youth for Christ, and the usual 'Evangelicals' are planning to cooperate in this campaign. No doubt they will think it wonderful that Bishop Kennedy is giving it his support. But I would not sit on the same platform with this man in a gospel meeting.

"What do YOU think?"

The Editor Answers

"Dear Brother ———:

"Thank you for your letter.

"I agree with you that it is wrong for a Christian to yoke up with unbelievers like Bishop Kennedy and Bishop Pike. Those who do not believe the Bible, do not believe in the absolute deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, miracles, bodily resurrection, His blood atonement, simply are not saved according to the clear statements of John 8:23, 24 and II John 9-11. So we are plainly commanded, 'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.' It is wrong to call such men brethren, to call them Christians, and to teach lost people and weak Christians to follow such men.

In Jesus' name, yours,
John R. Rice"

Actually Makes Soul Winners

Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Bill Rice Ranch, Nine Miles West of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 2-7, Gives Ministers the Personal Revival and Know-How to Build Soul-Winning Churches

D. L. Moody proved it long ago at the famous Northfield Conferences for Christian workers at Northfield, Massachusetts. He brought the best soul winners he could find, Spirit-filled men of God, to preach and teach all the Christian workers he could gather to wait upon God, search their hearts, confess their sins, learn to be filled with the Holy Spirit, learn personal soul winning, learn the Bible plans for revival. For seventeen years the Sword of the Lord has been having such great conferences all over America. Literally hundreds of pastors and evangelists and missionaries have first known the fullness of the Spirit, the freedom and joy and power of New Testament soul winning as a result of such conferences.

To spend a week with good Christians who are burdened for soul winning, and to hear four or five times a day great soul winners themselves teach the Word of God, answer questions, and stir the fires of God in our souls, will transform the lives of most people who attend and take seriously these great conferences. The good fellowship, the prayer times, the vacation atmosphere, the leisure and good food only help support the mountain tops of spiritual blessings, new resolutions, new light on the Scriptures, new understanding of soul-winning methods.

Hear These Speakers

DR. LEE ROBERSON, pastor of famous Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, president of Tennessee Temple Schools, College, Bible College and Seminary. Dr. Roberson has baptized over one thousand converts per year for eleven years in his home church. He speaks with boldness, authority, and tenderness. The church has 14,000 members, Tennessee Temple Schools, hundreds of students. Dr. Roberson speaks four times.

DR. BILL DOWELL, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, chairman of the faculty of Baptist Bible College. Dr. Dowell is one of the most moving and powerful preachers. His Sunday School regularly runs about three thousand in attendance. His wisdom, experience, and anointing of God will make him a tremendous blessing to pastors and other Christian workers. He will speak at least four times.

DR. JACK HYLES, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, built the Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, from forty members to three thousand in about seven years, last year baptized 556 converts in the First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana. He is indescribable, Spirit-filled, a great preacher, one of the best personal soul winners in America. His ministry literally transforms the lives of many who hear him. He will speak four times, God willing.

EVANGELIST WALT HANDFORD, vice-president and assistant editor of the Sword of the Lord, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Wheaton. A gifted, charming speaker. Hear his sermon on

"Perils of Preachers." Hear him show how to win a soul to Christ, step by step.

DR. BILL RICE, evangelist, director of the Cumberland Christian Retreat, a God-blessed evangelist, master storyteller, powerful preacher. Bill has promised to preach two or three times. Will show movies of his marvelous soul-winning work among deaf young people whereby hundreds have been saved.

EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, will speak daily on soul winning, prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit, the cost of all-out discipleship.

EVANGELIST BUD LYLES, announcer, assistant director of "Voice of Revival" nation-wide broadcast, tremendous bass soloist, will have charge of the music. And it will be heart stirring, never to be forgotten!

Save Those Dates!

The conference will begin Sunday, July 2, run through Friday, July 7. On July 4 in the afternoon John R. Rice will speak on "The Perils Facing America."

Attendance expected from half the states of the union. Room is limited. Make reservations at once.

A Ranch Vacation, Too!

The Bill Rice Ranch is an ideal place for such a conference. It is nine miles west of Murfreesboro, there are some thirteen hundred acres, about two square miles on the ranch. It is rough foothill country. There is a lake for fishing. There are horseback rides at moderate cost. There will be ping-

pong, softball games, pitching horseshoes, shuffleboard, etc.

The meals will be of the very finest in the large, beautiful dining hall, all you can eat, plenty of meat, garden-fresh vegetables. Here friendships of a lifetime will be formed. Many a cabin and motel room and shade tree will be the scene of prayer meetings and heart searching, seeking the will of God. Take the full week, let God make your vacation life-transforming.

Most Moderate Expenses

Where else could you go and have room and board (comfortable cabins with bath and modern toilets nearby), \$2.50 per day, \$14 per week? The small rooms in the Honeymoon Hotels (accommodates two) \$2.00 a day extra. The motel rooms, with private bath, accommodate as many as four, are \$4.00 a day extra besides the base rate of \$2.50 per day, \$14 a week.

Half Prices for Ministers in Dormitory Rooms

For ministers and ministerial students who cannot pay the regular rates, the Sword of the Lord will pay half of your room and board, in cabins, dormitory style. This does not count for the Honeymoon Hotel or motels and does not apply to wives and children.

Make Reservations Now!

We believe that all the space for the conference will be filled ahead of time. So please make reservations now. Send \$1.00 per person for reservation, say exactly what kind of accommodations you prefer, say when you will arrive, when you will leave, how many will be with you. Those coming in cars will find the ranch easily, nine miles west of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on Franklin Road. A big sign marks the Bill Rice Ranch.

Above everything else, let us pray that this will be a time of personal Pentecost, a great moving of God, a breath of faith, new consecration and soul-winning zeal on the part of hundreds.



Lee Roberson



Bill Dowell



Jack Hyles



John R. Rice



Bud Lyles



Bill Rice



Walt Handford

Who is this generous Uncle who pays all the bills?

HE's going to build new roads all over the nation. Convenient.

He wants to pay for new schools, instead of letting communities continue to pay for their own. Generous.

He plans on feeding and clothing and educating and protecting millions of people all over the world. Big-hearted, even though many of the people he helps seem to sneer at him for it.

He's going to keep farmers prosperous by having them do less work. Unique.

He keeps tens of thousands of people on his payroll that experts say he could do without. Careless.

But wait a minute—who is this Uncle whose money is being spent?
YOU!

July 2-7, Daily Schedule, Program Sword Conf. on Revival, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

| | SUN. JULY 2 | MON. JULY 3 | TUES. JULY 4 | WED. JULY 5 | THURS. JULY 6 | FRI. JULY 7 |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. | BUD LYLES | WALT HANDFORD "How to Get Your Prayers Answered" | JOHN R. RICE "Clear Leading: How to Know Who, Where, How" | JOHN R. RICE "What Sin Does to the Christian" | JOHN R. RICE "How To Be Filled With the Spirit" | WALT HANDFORD "Raising a Family for God" |
| | | | 15 MINUTE | INTERMISSION | | |
| 10:45 to NOON | DR. BILL RICE | DR. LEE ROBERSON | DR. LEE ROBERSON | DR. BILL DOWELL | DR. BILL DOWELL | DR. JACK HYLES |
| | | | NOON HOUR | | | |
| 2:00 P.M. | REST | RECREATION | JOHN R. RICE "Perils Facing America on July 4" | RECREATION | DR. JACK HYLES Demonstration Lesson "How to Win a Soul" | Supervised, House-to-House Soul Winning |
| | | | SUPPER HOUR | | | |
| 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. | DR. BILL RICE | JOHN R. RICE "White Harvest for Soul Winners" | DR. LEE ROBERSON | WALT HANDFORD "Paths to Ruin for a Preacher" | DR. BILL DOWELL | DR. JACK HYLES |
| | | | 15 MINUTE | INTERMISSION | | |
| 8:00 P.M. | WALT HANDFORD "The High Cost of Low Living" | DR. LEE ROBERSON | DR. BILL RICE | DR. BILL DOWELL | DR. JACK HYLES | JOHN R. RICE "The Life of Trust" |

Our New Deal, Buy-The-Votes-Socialism

Out of their own records, America's brain-trust economic experts stand rebuked. There was entered in the Congressional record of Jan. 9, 1958, a letter which had been received by an Arizona senator. The names in the following letter are fictitious to protect the guilty!

Dear Senator Goldwater:

My friend Roberts over in Pima County received a \$1,000 check from the Government this year for not raising hogs. So I am going into the not-raising-hog business next year. What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on and the best kind of hogs not to raise? I would prefer not to raise razorbacks, but, if that is not a good breed not to raise, I will just as gladly not raise any Berkshires or Durocs.

The hardest work in this business is going to be in keeping an inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised. My friend Roberts is very joyful about the future of this business. He has been raising hogs for more than 20 years and the best he ever made was \$400 until this year, when he got \$1,000 for not raising hogs. If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, then I will get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs.

I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs, which means I will get \$80,000 from the Government. Now, another thing: These hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn. So will you pay me anything for not raising 100,000 bushels of corn not to feed the hogs I am not raising? I want to get started as soon as possible, as this seems to be a good time of the year for not raising hogs.

Yours truly,
JOE CHILBLAIN

P. S. Can I raise 10 or 12 hogs on the side while I am in the not-raising-hog business — just enough to get a few sides of bacon to eat?

Trust God

"... I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works."
—Psalm 73:28.

That is a grand story of Alexander's confidence in his friend and physician. When the physician had mixed him a potion for his sickness, a letter was put into Alexander's hand, warning him not to drink the medicine, for it was poisoned. He held the letter in one hand and the cup in the other, and in the presence of his friend and physician, he drank the contents, and after he had drained the cup, he bade his friend look at the letter, and judge of his confidence in him. Alexander had unshattering faith in his friend. "See now," said he, "how I have trusted you." This is the assurance which the believer should exercise towards his God. The cup is very bitter, and some tell us it will prove to be deadly. Unbelief whispers in our ear, "Your coming

With the Evangelists

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homa, led in a revival meeting May 3-14 in the First Baptist Church of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Billy Green, pastor, reports 23 additions—14 by baptism, 7 by letter and 2 by statement. All attendance records were broken during the meeting.

REV. HUGH PYLE, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida, held a revival May 2-14 in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Eight churches co-operated in this crusade for Christ. There were something over 110 professions of faith during the crusade, plus another 10 or more in the county prison service there. Twenty-two Christians also made public rededication of life. The musical Csehys were in charge of the music. Co-operating pastors declared the attendance was the best in several years.

REV. EDWIN ZELLNER, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, led the Mesa Baptist Temple, Mesa, Arizona, in a revival meeting recently. There were 13 professions of faith and 7 additions to the church. Hugh J. Lind is pastor of the church and reports that they have led 31 people to a profession of faith in the Saviour since the first of the year.

tribulation will utterly crush you." Drink it, my friend, and say, "If he slay me, yet will I trust in him." It cannot be that God should be unfaithful to His promise, or un-mindful of His covenant. Your trial, then, will cease when it culminates: He will make darkness light before you when the darkest hour of the night has struck.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Students Riot . . .

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"Campus police also helped, but it wasn't until Chief White and Dean of students Arthur H. Volle arrived that the mob was dispersed.

"White, who praised the actions of his officers, stepped from his car with the gas gun and told the group he would use it if they didn't get moving. They moved, with the help of a police wedge.

"Volle, meanwhile, was greeted with boos when he used a loud-speaker to assist in getting the students to leave.

"Three students were arrested—William Carlberg, 18, a freshman from Massachusetts, for possession and use of fireworks; Russell Nelson, 19, sophomore from Arizona, for blocking a squad car with his body, and Lorraine Entwistle, 21, senior from California, for blocking a car with his bike.

"They were released on \$100 bond each and will appear before Police Magistrate Arthur Karstens May 4.

"Another call, about midnight, brought police out again to check on fireworks reportedly popping at North Hall, a girl's dormitory, but the campus was quiet by 1 a.m.

"Volle said today that 'it is awfully hard to analyze the causes for something like this, except for something like spring fever.'

"He noted, however, that most of the students had just undergone comprehensive examination, that last night was one of the first they could get outside and that 'pent-up energies' may have sparked the rioting.

"He added that he is checking to find whether other students were involved, and that 'there certainly will be discipline' by the faculty committee on student affairs if others are determined to be responsible for the outburst.

"Volle also praised the police, saying that 'some students were not courteous to the officers.'

"I think the police have a responsibility to the community to check on such things. They simply

were performing their duty,' he said.

"Chief White, however, is not so certain that just 'pent-up energies' are the answer.

"The students constituted an 'unruly mob,' he said today, and he vowed to take strong action if such an outbreak occurs again.

"I have talked to some of the college officials," White said, 'and have stated that action must be taken to prevent any such circumstance happening again.

"I do not object to good, clean fun, but when it ties up my department, and they refuse to obey the department in such a way that it is detrimental to the city, we will have to take strong measures.

"This was not just a college prank. The kids in the background were egging on the action, trying to make all the trouble they could.

"I respect the college very highly, but we've got a job to do."

"White also praised his police-men.

"I feel that my officers conducted themselves with admirable restraint under the circumstances," he said. "I approve of their actions."

The *Chicago Tribune* account also said that "Dean Volle, using a loud-speaker, urged the students to return to their dormitories. The plea was met with boos."

The *Tribune* says, "At midnight, an hour later, fireworks again boomed thru the campus and two squads were dispatched to the school. The police reported that girl students were throwing fire-crackers from dormitory windows.

"About 1 a.m. the fever abated and quiet was restored."

Other Recent Events Embarrassing to Christians at Wheaton College

We Christians have a great deal invested in Wheaton College. Six of my daughters have graduated there, five of my sons-in-law, and no doubt hundreds have been influenced to go to Wheaton College, directly or indirectly by me.

Thousands of Christians have looked to Wheaton College as an orthodox, fundamental Christian college and are shocked at some things that are happening there.

1. In October, 1959, the book *Evolution and Christian Thought Today* was published, edited by Dr. Russell L. Mixer, professor of zoology at Wheaton College. The book is not about evolution as opposed to Christian thought, but as evolution and Christian thought today as compatible. In the introduction, for example, Dr. Mixer says, "As a third major topic, this symposium discusses in chapter four how evolution could have occurred, stressing both the successes and the limitations of hereditary processes. A study of the past suggests change, and genetics seeks to answer how this change could begin and has continued." That book says that the Genesis account of creation is a "beautifully poetic narrative" (page 67). It says, "The authors of this chapter consider the expressions and Scripture regarding the creation of life to be sufficiently figurative to imply little or no limitation on possible mechanisms. Others may disagree with this conclusion" (page 69).

On page 184, Professor Buswell of Wheaton says, "There are no data as such that conflict with the Genesis account of creation as interpreted in the context of the author's language and culture." That is, that Genesis is only to be taken as the best that men knew at that time. Dr. Carl Henry on page 219 agrees "that the universe is billions of years old, and that millions of years were required for the development of all the various species of plant and animal life, and that the antiquity of the human race is somewhat greater than the brief span of six thousand years assigned by scientists and theologians alike a few centuries ago . . ." On page 185, Professor Buswell of Wheaton says concerning the evolution of man, "This I find, at present, impossible to accept, on theological as well as on anthropological grounds."

Other authors in the book seem to accept it. And all the authors of the book were selected by Dr. Mixer and their works were edited and approved by him in this book.

2. In the Billy Graham Wheaton campaign, the College took a very strong stand for inviting mod-

nists to come along with Bible believers in the campaign. Dr. Warren, then pastor of the First Baptist Church, co-operated in the campaign and he said to me, "I think we can control it and keep fundamental men in charge and send the converts to sound, Bible-believing churches." Later he saw his mistake and said to me, "You were right, Dr. Rice. When I suggested at a meeting, at the College, that the convert's names be sent to Bible-believing churches, Dr. Edman insisted that the modernists should have the same position in the campaign as fundamentalists. He said, 'No brethren, we must be fair to our liberal brethren.'"

During the Billy Graham campaign, Dr. Edman and Billy Graham brought into the ministerial association a number of open liberals. Dr. Warren and I and one or two others tried to get a strong statement of faith in the ministerial association. It was rejected, so Dr. Warren and I left the ministerial association. But the College had a strong foothold in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Warren felt compelled to resign and now a college official is interim pastor of the First Baptist Church!

3. Some three months ago, a Science Symposium was held at the College, and Dr. Mixer brought the men, whom he had enlisted to write for his book, *Evolution and Christian Thought Today*. They came to the college; they openly taught evolution,

taught that the Genesis account of creation was figurative and poetic but not literal, taught that man had been on the earth for hundreds of thousands of years, that the genealogical timetables in the Bible are not reliable, etc. Dr. Harrison of the Bible faculty at the College stood and protested that the speakers were digging at the foundation of the inspiration of the Bible. He was publicly rebuked from the platform. Dr. Edman and other Bible teachers who were present, made no protests. Seven or eight sound pastors, a number of them alumni of Wheaton College, were present and registered an earnest protest against this teaching; it got nowhere. And there is a widespread unrest concerning the trend in Wheaton College theologically away from the verbal inspiration, direct creation, etc.

4. During the Easter vacation, some students drove unchaperoned in cars, in that mass movement of students to Florida, so widely publicized in the papers. One car with five Wheaton students, two boys and three girls, I believe, had an automobile accident in Alabama and one of the girls was killed. That was just this last Easter vacation. There was no chaperon in the car for the trip.

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poses to save sinners. He announces three steps in the three verses of our text, that will lead any soul with a disposition to be saved, into the light, and into the arms of Christ. These steps we shall call:

- I. Must of Salvation—John 3:7.
- II. Method of Salvation—John 3:5.
- III. Miracle of Salvation—John 3:6.

I. Must of Salvation

John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

That verse sounds the death knell to all man's efforts to get to Heaven his own way. By nature we resent being told what we have to do. Especially is this true when we are told by someone who doesn't have authority over us.

As a boy, I remember the rule of my parents. The older boys had no authority over the younger ones. That rule didn't always keep my older brother from trying to boss me. In the absence of my father and mother, he would say, "Fred, ya gotta do so and so." I would say, "I would like to see ya make me." Sometimes he would, but when he was through, he would be in worse shape than if he had done the task alone. I knew I didn't have to mind him. But when my 240-pound dad said, "Fred, do so and so," I would hop to it with little resentment. I knew that was headquarters speaking. He had the authority.

You as a sinner have the right to question the instructions of men. If they tell you to memorize something, submit to an ordinance, go through a religious performance, unite with something, quit something, or give something to get to Heaven, you can question it. But when Christ says, "Ye must be born again," then you must be! Every son of Adam finds himself shut up to God's Word. You can try to go to Heaven a million ways, but all ways but one way are blind alleys that lead to dead-end streets. When you have traversed them all, you will find you are not one inch closer to Heaven.

Don't you think it is about time you began to listen to His voice of authority, and time you sought His way out of your sin? It is His kingdom. Therefore, He has a right to set the restrictions and tell you His requirements for entry into it. We must be born again. All who are born again will enter; all who refuse, regardless of what else you do, will never enter into His kingdom. Your works can't save. Salvation by works is that proved and boastful spirit which arrogantly cries, "O God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men . . . I give . . . I say . . . I do." Salvation by works raises Cain's altar to receive earth's products rather than a lamb of God's own provision. All men are as every other man—a sinner in need of a Saviour, and incapable of procuring, producing, and providing a saviour for themselves.



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II. Method of the New Birth

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"—John 3:5.

Since Christ has come to save the lost, He must have a method of procedure. He announces the method in this verse: *By water and the Spirit.*

Immediately upon seeing the word *water*, millions of people who attribute some cleansing quality to baptism imagine that it refers to that ordinance. Let me say at the outset that the word *water* here has no reference to baptism. It is easy to see what Christ's theme is in the context. In the first eight verses of John 3, He uses the word "born" eight times. He is evidently speaking of birth. Baptism speaks of death and resurrection. When we are placed under the water, we are giving testimony that we have died with Christ, and are buried in a watery grave as testimony of that fact. Birth and death are as far removed from each other as the poles. They are antithesis of each other. To try to apply a verse that speaks of death to the subject of birth, is to break every law known to the interpretation of the Word of God.

Then what does the water mean in this verse? In order to find the meaning of any word, we are to compare "spirituals with spirituals." The word "water" is used in a symbolical way. It is used to symbolize the Spirit as in John 7:39. More often it is used to symbolize the Word of God. In this connection, let us explore some of its occurrences.

We know that Nicodemus knew nothing about Christian baptism. He should have known, however, that the Old Testament Scriptures ascribed cleansing efficacy to the Word of God. Jesus asked, "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things?" (John 3:10). What things? Not baptism, but the cleansing power of the Word of God. He knew the classic verses of Isaiah 44:3 and Ezekiel 36:25-27, where God speaks of a future cleansing of His elect people through the "water and Spirit," acting in conjunction with each other. Ephesians 5:26, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word." Here is a sample of the cleansing quality of the Word. Titus 3:5 has a reference to the same process when it states, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

In the courtyard of the Tabernacle stood two articles of furniture. When a Jew came through the gate that opened to the East and made his way toward the Tabernacle proper, the first thing he came upon was the brazen altar. That stood for Calvary. The first thing you encounter when you start toward God is Calvary. No man ever got to Him, and no one ever will, apart from the cleansing of the blood of Christ that was shed there. When you hear a testimony that omits Christ's blood, you hear a false testimony. You can't know God, worship God, or come into His presence apart from a knowledge of Christ and His blood. "No man cometh to the Father, but by me," He said. *Guide Post* and similar publications which give testimonies of the world's greats, are deceiving the public when they try to make Christians out of people who don't know Christ. No blood, no cleansing. No Christ, no God. The Father can't know you apart from His Son.

The next article of furniture that stood between the altar and the doorway into the Holy Place was the laver. I believe that all the furniture connected with the Tabernacle—every board, socket, inch of cloth, and every skin—represented Christ. The only exception, I believe, was the laver. I believe it represented the Holy Spirit. Everything else about the

Tabernacle was measured. The exact width, length and height was given. But there was no measurement for the laver. We are told that the Spirit was given to Christ without measure!

The laver was made of mirrors. The Israeli women brought their brass mirrors and gave them to be melted and moulded into the laver. A mirror speaks to us of the Spirit. It reveals. A mirror shows us the kind of people we are. James 1:23 gives the picture. The Holy Spirit also shows us the kind of people we are. John 16:8, "And when he is come, he will reprove [convince] the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." He makes us conscious of our guilt, but there must be a cleansing agent. The laver held water! Water is for cleansing! The laver gave the water, as the Spirit gives the Word with its cleansing power. Let us look at some Scriptures that speak of the same operation to which Christ refers in John 3:5; and by comparison, see how the Word explains itself.

Psalms 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalms 119:50, "For thy Word hath quickened me."

John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word, which I have spoken unto you."

James 1:18, "Of His own will begat he us with the word of truth."

First Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit."

First Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

What is Christ's method of preparing sinners for Heaven? What is He saying in John 3:5? "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of the Word and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Christ is not crucified every time a sinner believes. He has died once and for all. It is a fact, finished and established. The only place you can learn that is in the Word of God. The Holy Spirit does not work independently of the Word. It is His channel of operation. It is His Sword. How does He bring the good news of Christ's finished work to sinners? By the Word. Preach the Word. We are fitted for Heaven by believing the Word of God about Jesus Christ.

Sinner friend, you had better believe the Word of God. Reject it and you are lost. Hebrews 4:2: "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

The world's most heinous crime is not murder or adultery, but unbelief. If you fail to believe what God has told you in His Word as to your sinful state and your inability to save yourself, you will never turn to Christ who is also pictured in the Word as your only hope. By the Word, through the Spirit, Christ is working today.

III. Miracle of the New Birth

John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

In my opinion, this is one of the greatest verses of the Bible. To rightfully understand it clears up a multitude of problems and saves us from unnumbered useless tasks. I don't believe that one Christian out of a hundred knows for a fact that "that which is born of the flesh is flesh." No sinner knows it, or can know it, until he has been born again.

Flesh in this verse doesn't mean the physical body. It is the old nature. That which is born of "old nature" is "old nature." Flesh can never be anything but flesh. It can't be improved. It can't get converted, or be made acceptable to God. It is never worthy, nor does anything good. It will never do anything good. All its works are "dead" works. It can't please God, nor obey God. It is not and cannot be subject to the law of God. It is, and will always be, just plain God-hating, rebellious, sinful, depraved, Hell-

deserving, Hell-bound, Christ-rejecting flesh.

Man has searched for six thousand years for something good in his old nature. He has raked the muck of the flesh back and forth over the centuries, looking, seeking, but in vain. He will not find anything good in himself. If man had anything good in himself, God would have said so, but read His record of man in Romans 3:9, 10. He not only says that all men are bad, but that every bit of all men—including the members, hands, feet, eyes, throat, tongue and lips—are all bad.

Dr. Ironside told the story of a man who was seen raking in a muck pile. The observer asked him what he was seeking. He replied that he was searching for a diamond. Whereupon his questioner asked if he had lost one there. He assured him that he hadn't lost one there, neither did he know anybody who had. But upon further questioning, the man replied, "I just thought I might find one here," and went on raking.

That about sizes up man's search for that inherently good something he is supposed to have hidden in himself.

Man is not easily discouraged. He builds institutions upon the theory that he is inherently good. Suddenly one of the members runs off with the treasury. He writes editorials praising himself for his good qualities; publishes books extolling his good virtues; builds monuments to himself, and pins medals on his chest; but it is a fruitless search.

God says of the flesh: We are under no obligation to it (Rom. 8:12).

We must not make it our companion (Rom. 8:4).

We must make no allowance for it (Rom. 8:14).

It must not be allowed to show itself (Gal. 5:13).

We must never trust it (Phil. 3:3).

We must never expect anything good from it (Rom. 7:18).

We must look on it as a dead thing (Gal. 5:25).

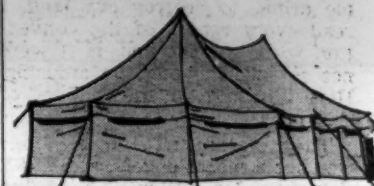
See how hopeless it is to try polishing, reforming or improving the flesh in order to make it acceptable to God. I don't mean of course that you can't do certain things to the flesh that makes it

appear to the world of flesh to be an improvement. You can educate it and teach it good grammar so it will get rid of its "has wents" and "is did its." Flesh that speaks with the golden tone of an orator or with the precise English of a scholar is no more acceptable to God than the croaking, uncouth, uncultured tongue of the underworld. You can teach it to dress with taste and in expensive clothes, but flesh in a Hickey-Freeman is no more attractive to God than flesh clothed in Levis. Flesh in a Rolls-Royce looks the same as flesh in a Model A. Flesh on Snob Hill stands in the same condemnation as that on Skid Row.

Ask the natural man what is wrong, and if he has intelligence, he will have to admit something has happened to man. He will never admit his total helplessness though. He still thinks he holds the key to his own recovery, and will ultimately be able to doctor himself back to health. I have observed flesh trying to find a solution to its own problem and it is like the proverbial "blind man" looking for a black cat, in

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a dark room, with an unlit lantern. It always ends in defeat and frustration.

What Is Wrong With the Drunkard?

Years ago, while holding a city-wide meeting in Salinas, California, I was attracted through an article in the daily paper to a convention to be held in a northern California town. Psychiatrists from all over America were coming out to the coast for a convention. The object of the convention was the thing that attracted me. They announced as their project (you need a project in order to justify a convention in California) the discovery of what causes alcoholism, and then to suggest a cure. Any evangelist these days would be attracted by that announcement, because we are constantly dealing with the by-product of our high power and greatly respected liquor industry. There are millions of alcoholics in our land, and the number is growing rapidly. Nearly every family has one in the closet. It is one of the scourges of America and will finally be bad enough, if our people are made to make beer and liquor an acceptable table drink, to destroy our land. I read every report of the convention with interest and, if it were not so sad, it would be amusing. Here is a sum of the findings of this body:

They stated that an alcoholic was not a moral degenerate, but a sick man. He couldn't help being sick any more than an asthmatic or arthritic. He should not be picked up in a police car and thrown in jail, but should be picked up in an ambulance and put in a hospital. He shouldn't be treated as a moral degenerate but a respected member of society who was sick. That was the trend of thought all through the deliberation, and not once during the convention was whiskey mentioned. The closest to it was the word "alcoholism." They never said if a man simply didn't drink he would have no problem. No such ugly insinuations were made.

The final session was the clincher. Headlines in the San Francisco paper stated, "PSYCHIATRISTS DECIDE," then in smaller print, "Alcoholism is caused by an unknown quantity that we shall choose to call X. . . . Until this unknown quantity can be isolated and defined, we have no suggested cure."

What a finding! I would hate to be an alcoholic depending on psychiatrists to help me.

I could have gone to that convention and said, "Doctor, I know what makes men alcoholics. I can spell it in five letters—F-L-E-S-H. Men are liars, thieves, drunkards, immoral, and all that they are that is wrong because they are flesh."

Some profess to believe that flesh can be improved through education. Some went so far as to suggest that an educated populace would remove poverty, stop wars, close prisons, and bring man into an Utopia. Now we are educated and have more criminals than we do college students. I am told that every twenty-third American is a thumb-printed criminal. The difference between an educated and an uneducated thief is this: an uneducated thief waits until dark, takes a crowbar and slips into a box car and steals a case of cigarettes. Take that same thief, send him to Harvard and let him get a "Ph.D." and he will, in plain daylight and in open court, steal the railroad. No one was ever educated into the kingdom of God. It is a heart movement, and improving the head won't do it.

The trouble with man is not that he is sick and needs a doctor; or that he is ignorant and needs a teacher; or that he is stubborn and needs logic; or wayward and needs a guide. Man's trouble is that he is dead and needs life, dead in trespasses and sins. Paul says in Ephesians 2:1: ". . . and you who were dead."

This brings us to the miracle of the new birth. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." That which is born of the Holy Spirit is new nature. How is this miracle

performed? Second Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Wonderful to Want to Do Right!

We have imparted to us a new nature. The very nature of God is given to those who are born again. Now I can do what I couldn't. It is my nature to do it. I want to be decent, read the Word of God, go to a church that preaches and believes and practices the Word, and win souls. I now have a nature that makes me want these things. It can only be satisfied in the exercise of godly actions. I don't deserve any credit for it. It is what I received when I received Christ.

Men say to me, "How do you stand it? Just church, the Bible, prayer, and testifying. It would run me nuts." I ask, "How do you stand juke joints, beer halls, honkey-tonks and gambling halls? That would run me nuts."

A sinner has an affinity for sin, and a Christian has an affinity for righteousness. Put a peach seed in the ground, and it will take out acid. Asparagus draws out salt; watermelon seeds take out sugar, while corn takes out starch. Each has an affinity for a certain thing, and each takes that from the soil.

Likewise, a sinner will draw upon one thing in a city, and a Christian upon something else. I have sat in a hotel lobby and watched folks check in. A man will sign the register and then say, "Where can I find a liquor store?" or, "Where is there a good show on?" I know immediately that he is flesh, for he has an affinity for sin. But, sometimes a man will ask for a good Gospel preaching church, where he can get his soul blessed. I know then he has an affinity for the things of God. He is spirit.

Sinners can't help loving sin; it is their nature. God couldn't take a sinner to Heaven with his old nature. He would ruin Heaven, and Heaven would ruin him. I am not sure but what a sinner would suffer more in Heaven than in Hell! If this is true, then it would only prove God's justice is mixed with mercy. Then the kindest thing God can do is to allow saints and sinners to go to the place for which their natures have prepared them.

You can't make sinners right by passing laws. God passed all the laws necessary, and Paul says in Galatians 3:16 ". . . For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." They are hopelessly, helplessly, eternally lost. There is only one remedy and that is to be made a new creature, or creation, by receiving a new nature. Then the drunkard can be sober, the liar can be truthful, the hypocrite can be sincere, the immoral can be clean, and the thief can be honest. It isn't will-power or good resolutions!! Promises by the millions have been broken and resolutions have failed in temptations hours because man is flesh. But with a new nature you will not only want to do God's will, but will be able to do God's will. Church won't be something to make excuses about; the Bible will thrill instead of bore; the place of prayer will hold more enchantment than the theatre; and the hymn sing will be more exciting than the jive sessions. You will find yourself loving fellowship with God's people rather than the worldly crowd. Everything the sinner thinks he can't abide, will suddenly become vital and necessary. Why? Paul explains in II Corinthians 5:17 ". . . Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new."

This doesn't mean the new creature doesn't still have a sinful nature, but you now have a new nature and a new Lord. Now with the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, you can walk victoriously over all the desires of the flesh.

Sinner friend, do you desire to go to Heaven? Of course you do. Then follow God's prescribed way. Believe the words of Christ that

the only way is by coming to Christ as a helpless, condemned sinner, and by receiving Him, be born into God's family, receiving the new nature and being translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Jesus said in John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he authority to become the sons of God." Receive Him and be saved.

In a small southern town a personal worker rang the door bell of a beautiful home. A lady of culture and intelligence opened the door. The worker, after some conversation, asked, "Do you know God?" The lady had not been asked such a blunt question and became confused in searching for an answer. Finally, in confusion and frustration, she slammed the door and retreated into the house. When she had calmed down, she rushed to the door to apologize and found the man was gone.

When her husband came in, he noticed her nervous state and inquired the reason for it. She explained about the kindly, earnest and sincere man who had asked her if she knew God. She admitted slamming the door and then said, "I am so ashamed."

The husband was indignant and asked, "Why didn't you tell that impertinent person, whoever he was, that we are members of the First Church of this city?"

She said, "He didn't ask me that."

"Then why didn't you tell him our morals are above reproach?"

"He didn't mention that, either," she replied.

"Then why didn't you inform him that we give more to our church than any other couple in it?"

She said, "He didn't mention that, either. He just said, 'DO YOU KNOW GOD?'"

That is the great question that faces man today. Not religious activity, or a knowledge about God, but do you know God? There is only one way: be born again. Let Him make you His child by believing on His Son.

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By Aunt Mary

Have you ever been to a zoo? My Johnny's Sunday School class (he is 9) is going to the Brookfield Zoo this week. That reminded me of my childhood when a visit to the zoo was a weekly occurrence. Where folks gathered around the cage of a rowdy old ape we had a service, told people about the Lord Jesus who came to save them. I remember giving tracts to those who stopped to hear the preacher.

A zoo is lots of fun, isn't it? I remember lions, a big lion with a shaggy mane, and a quieter lioness without a mane. I remember the big elephants in a kind of den, dug into the ground. Two or three of the huge animals could always keep me interested for a long time. I think I could still find the exact spot where the hyenas' cages were after these many years. I can still get goose pimples remembering their shattering screams.

The monkeys of all kinds: little squirrel monkeys, monkeys with very long tails, the strange colored baboons, apes, and gorillas, all fascinated me. Their delicate human-like fingers and strange way of watching the people who watch them are amusing.

The bird house enclosed the bright tropical birds. And next to the birds was the snake house. I used to watch the snakes in horrid fascination, wondering what would happen if one should find a way to get out. Of course some snakes are not harmful, but really help us by killing mice, rats, and insects that are harmful to our crops. But perhaps because Satan used the form of a snake to deceive Adam and Eve, most of us have a dread of all snakes, the result of God's curse.

In those days I wasn't afraid of the little green grass snakes. I remember wandering around looking for the little things under rotting pieces of wood, and collecting them in fruit jars with holes poked in the lids.)

Zoos are fun, aren't they? We all marvel at the animals that God has created. But where was the first zoo? All of the animals may have been lined up together for Adam to name when they were first created, but I don't think of that as a zoo. A zoo involves buildings or cages, some arrangement to keep animals in place, doesn't it? And I feel sure the Garden of Eden was not such a place.

But surely Noah's ark, when the flood came that covered the whole earth, was a zoo. That great floating boat was planned and built by God's instruction to carry two of each animal in the world, seven of some special ones. So it was a zoo! Today I began to wonder how Noah, his three sons and their wives, managed to get wild animals into the ark. I suppose

cages were arranged so the lions would not be able to kill the sheep and goats and other natural prey.

Read again the story of the flood from the Bible. Turn to Genesis 6:5 and read through the eighth chapter. Think of this passage as a description of the first zoo, the first time we know animals were together in an organized group.

Did you know there will be another time when lions and tigers and bears, dangerous animals now, can be with harmless lambs and calves, and not hurt them? When Jesus comes back with the saved people to be the King of all the earth, Isaiah 11:6 tells us how the animals will be. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid [little goat]; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

The Bible tells us that lions will eat straw like cows or horses, and animals won't fight any more. Won't that be a wonderful thing? If there is a zoo then, there won't need to be cages. We won't need to be afraid of dangerous jungle cats or elephants. All animals can be friends, and even babies can play with them. But that will be when God has changed the nature of these animals.

And God can change your nature so you won't want to keep on sinning. Have you asked Him to come into your heart and to save you? He wants to give you a new nature, and to prepare you a home in Heaven.

Welcome to our new members: Becky Hyles in Munster, Indiana. (Did you read her Daddy's sermon recently in THE SWORD OF THE LORD?) Lucille and Barbara Carlson in Jamestown, New York, who are seven and eight years old. Ernie Mixon, in Norfolk 6, Virginia, was saved about five months ago, and wants to live for the Lord Jesus, so became a *Sword Bearer*. From Rudyard, Montana, came applications for Ruth and Peggy Weidenaar, eleven and twelve years old.

What would we do without our mothers? Often the mother of little ones who cannot themselves write, writes for her little ones. Mrs. William Cheuront in North Highlands, California, wrote for seven-year-old Timmy and four-year-old Terry. Timmy has already trusted the Lord as his Saviour. Of course Mrs. Cheuront will have to help the boys read their Bibles. She will have to remind them to pray every day as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

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His Name—Wonderful!

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tinguished above all men; He is anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows, and in His character, and in His acts, He is infinitely separated from all comparison with any of the sons of men. "Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips." He is "the chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely." "His name shall be called the *Separated One*," the distinguished one, the noble one, set apart from the common race of mankind.

We shall, however, this morning, keep to the old version and simply read it thus, "His name shall be called Wonderful." And first I shall notice that Jesus Christ deserveth to be called Wonderful for *what He was in the past*; secondly, that He is called Wonderful by all His people for *what He is in the present*; and in the third place, that He shall be called Wonderful for *what He shall be in the future*.

I. Christ's Wonderful Past

First, Christ shall be called Wonderful for *WHAT HE WAS IN THE PAST*. Gather up your thoughts, my brethren, for a moment, and center them all on Christ, and you will soon see how wonderful He is.

1. His Eternal Existence

Consider His eternal existence, "begotten of His Father from be-

fore all worlds," being of the same substance with His Father: begotten, not made, co-equal, co-eternal, in every attribute "very God of very God." For a moment remember that He who became an infant of a span long, was no less than the King of ages, the everlasting Father, who was from eternity and is to be to all eternity. The divine nature of Christ is indeed wonderful.

Just think for a moment, how much interest clusters round the life of an old man. Those of us who are but as children in years look up to him with wonder and astonishment as he tells us the varied stories of the experience through which he has passed. But what is the life of an aged man? How brief it appears when compared with the life of the tree that shelters him. It existed long before that old man's father crept, a helpless infant, into the world. How many storms have swept over its brow, how many Kings have come and gone, how many empires have risen and fallen since that old oak was slumbering in its acorn cradle!

But what is the life of the tree compared with the soil on which it grows? What a wonderful story that soil might tell! What changes it has passed through in all the eras of time that have elapsed since "in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." There is a wonderful story connected with every

atom of black mold which furnishes the nourishment of the oak.

But what is the history of that soil compared with the marvelous history of the rock on which it rests—the cliff on which it lifts its head? Oh, what stories might it tell, what records lie hidden in its bowels! Perhaps it could tell the story of the time when "the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the earth." Perhaps it might speak and tell us of those days when the morning and the evening were the first day, and the morning and the evening were the second day, and could explain to us the mysteries of how God made the marvelous piece of miracle—the world.

But what is the history of the cliff compared with that of the sea that rolls at its base—that deep blue ocean over which a thousand navies have swept, without leaving a farrow upon its brow?

But what is the history of the sea compared with the history of the heavens that are stretched like a curtain over that vast basin? What a history is that of the hosts of Heaven—of the everlasting marches of the sun, moon, and stars! Who can tell their generation, or who can write their biography?

But what is the history of the heavens compared with the history of the angels? They could tell you of the day when they saw this world wrapped in swaddling bands of mist—when, like a new-born infant, the last of God's offspring, it came forth

from Him, and the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy.

But what is the history of the angels that excel in strength compared with the history of the Lord Jesus Christ? The angel is but of yesterday, and he knoweth nothing; Christ, the eternal One, chargeth even His angels with folly, and looks upon them as His ministering spirits that come and go at His good pleasure.

O Christians, gather with reverence and mysterious awe around the throne of Him who is your great Redeemer; for "his name is called Wonderful," since He has existed before all things, and "by him all things were made; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

2. Christ's Wonderful Incarnation

Consider, again, the incarnation of Christ, and you will rightly say that His name deserveth to be called "Wonderful." Oh, what is that I see? Oh, world of wonders, what is that I see? The Eternal of ages, whose hair is white like wool, as white as snow, becomes an infant. Can it be? Ye angels, are ye not astonished? He becomes an infant, hangs at a virgin's breast, draws His nourishment from the breast of woman. Oh, wonder of wonders! Manger of Bethlehem, thou hast miracles poured into thee! This is a sight that surpasses all others. Talk ye of the sun, moon, and stars; consider ye the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars that He hath ordained;

but all the wonders of the universe shrink into nothing when we come to the mystery of the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was a marvelous thing when Joshua bade the sun to stand still, but more marvelous when God seemed to stand still, and no longer to move forward, but rather, like the sun upon the dial of Ahaz, did go back ten degrees and veil His splendor in a cloud. There have been sights matchless and wonderful, at which we might look for years, and yet turn away and say, "I cannot understand this; here is a deep into which I dare not dive; my thoughts are drowned; this is a steep without a summit; I cannot climb it; it is high, I cannot attain it!" But all these things are as nothing compared with the incarnation of the Son of God.

I believe that the very angels have never wondered but once, and that has been incessantly ever since they first beheld it. They never cease to tell the astonishing story, and to tell it with increasing astonishment too, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary, and became a man. Is He not rightly called Wonderful? Infinite, and an infant—eternal, and yet born of a woman—Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman's breast—supporting the universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms—King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph—heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised son. Wonderful art thou, O Jesus, and that shall be Thy name for ever.

3. His Amazing Humiliation

But trace the Saviour's course, and all the way He is wonderful. Is it not marvelous that He submitted to the taunts and jeers of His enemies—that for a long life He should allow the bulls of Bashan to gird Him round, and the dogs to encompass Him? Is it not surprising that He should have bridled His anger, when blasphemy was uttered against His sacred person? Had you or I been possessed of His matchless might, we should have dashed our enemies down the brow of the hill, if they had sought to cast us there; we should never have submitted to shame and spitting; no, we would have looked upon them, and with one fierce look of wrath, have dashed their spirits into eternal torment. But He bears it all—keeps in His noble spirit—the lion of the tribe of Judah, but bearing still the lamb-like character of

The humble man before His foes,
A weary man, and full of woes.

I do believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the King of Heaven and yet He was a poor, despised, persecuted, slandered man; but while I believe it I never can understand it. I bless Him for it; I love Him for it; I desire to praise His name while immortality endures for His infinite condescension in thus suffering for me; but to understand it, I can never pretend. His name must all His life long be called Wonderful.

4. Wonderful, Shameful Death of Jesus

But see Him die. Come, O my brothers, ye children of God, and gather round the cross. See your Master. There He hangs. Can you understand this riddle: God was manifest in the flesh, and crucified of men? My Master, I cannot understand how thou couldst stoop Thine awful head to such a death as this—how Thou couldst take from Thy brow the coronet of stars which from old eternity had shone resplendent there; but how Thou shouldst permit the thorn-crown to gird Thy temples astonishes me far more. That Thou shouldst cast away the mantle of Thy glory, the azure of Thy everlasting empire, I cannot comprehend; but how Thou shouldst have become veiled in the ignominious purple for awhile, and then be bowed to by impious men who mocked Thee as a pretended king, and how Thou shouldst be stripped naked to Thy shame, without a single covering, this is still more incomprehensible.

Truly Thy name is Wonderful. Oh, Thy love to me is wonderful, passing the love of woman. Was ever grief like Thine? Was ever

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Man Sent from God

A Biography of Dr. John R. Rice

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love like Thine, that could open the flood-gates of such grief. Thy grief is like a river; but was there ever spring that poured out such a torrent? Was ever love so mighty as to become the fount from which such an ocean of grief could come rolling down? Here is matchless love—matchless love to make Him suffer, matchless power to enable Him to endure all the weight of His Father's wrath. Here is matchless justice, that He Himself should acquiesce in His Father's will, and not allow men to be saved without His own sufferings; and here is matchless mercy to the chief of sinners, that Christ should suffer even for them. "His name shall be called Wonderful."

But he died. He died! See Salem's daughters weep around. Joseph of Arimathea takes up the lifeless body after it has been taken down from the cross. They bear it away to the sepulcher. It is put in a garden. Do you call Him Wonderful now?

Is this the Saviour long foretold
To usher in the age of gold?

5. The Lord Jesus Wonderful In Resurrection

And is he dead? Lift his hands! They drop motionless by his side. His foot exhibits still the nail-print; but there is no mark of life. "Aha," cries the Jew, "is this the Messiah? He is dead; He shall see corruption in a little space of time. Oh! watchman, keep good ward lest his disciples steal his body. His body can never come forth, unless they do steal it; for he is dead. Is this the Wonderful, the Counselor?" But God did not leave His soul in Hades, nor did He suffer His body—"his holy one"—to see corruption. Yes, He is wonderful, even in His death. That clay cold corpse is wonderful. Perhaps this is the greatest wonder of all, that He who is "Death of death and hell's destruction" should for awhile endure the bonds of death.

But here is the wonder. He could not be holden of those bonds. Those chains, which have held ten thousand of the sons and daughters of Adam, and which have never been broken yet by any man of human mold, save by a miracle, were but to Him as green withes. Death bound our Samson fast, and said, "I have him now; I have taken away the locks of his strength; his glory is departed, and now he is mine." But the bands that kept the human race in chains were nothing to the Saviour; the third day He burst them, and He rose again from the dead, from henceforth to die no more. Oh! thou risen Saviour—thou who couldst not see corruption—thou art wonderful in thy resurrection. And thou art wonderful too in thine ascension, as I see thee leading captivity and receiving gifts for men. "His name shall be called Wonderful."

6. Surpassingly Wonderful

Pause here one moment, and let us think—Christ is surpassingly wonderful. The little story I have told you just now—not little in itself, but little as I have told it—has in it something surpassingly wonderful. All the wonders that you ever saw are nothing compared with this. As we have passed through various countries we have seen a wonder, and some

elder traveler than ourselves has said, "Yes, this is wonderful to you, but I could show you something that utterly eclipses that." Though we have seen some splendid landscapes, with glorious hills, and we have climbed up where the eagle seemed to knit the mountain and the sky together in his flight, and we have stood and looked down, and said, "How wonderful!" saith he, "I have seen fairer lands than these, and wider and richer prospects far."

But when we speak of Christ, none can say they ever saw a greater wonder than He is. You have come now to the very summit of everything that may be wondered at. There are no mysteries equal to this mystery; there is no surprise equal to this surprise; there is no astonishment, and admiration that we feel when we behold Christ in the glories of the past. He surpasses everything.

7. Forever to Be Wondered At

And yet again, wonder is a short-lived emotion; you know, it is proverbial that a wonder grows gray-headed in nine days. The longest period that a wonder is known to live is about that time. It is such a short-lived thing. But Christ is, and ever shall be, wonderful. You may think of Him through threescore years and ten, but you shall wonder at Him more at the end than at the beginning. Abraham might wonder at Him when he saw his day in the distant future; but I do not think that even Abraham himself could wonder at Christ so much as the very least in the kingdom of Heaven of today wonders at Him, seeing that we know more than Abraham, and therefore wonder more.

Think again for one moment, and you will say of Christ that He deserves to be called Wonderful, not only because He is always wonderful, and because He is surpassingly wonderful, but also because He is altogether wonderful.

There have been some great feats of skill in the arts and sciences; for instance, if we take a common wonder of the day, the telegraph—how much there is about that which is wonderful! But there are a great many things in the telegraph that we can understand. Though there are many mysteries in it, still there are parts of it that are like keys to the mysteries, so that if we cannot solve the riddle wholly, yet it is disrobed of some of the low garments of its mystery. But now if you look at Christ any how, any where, any way, He is all mystery; He is altogether wonderful, always to be looked at and always to be admired.

8. Jesus Christ Is Universally Wondered At

And again, He is universally wondered at. They tell us that the religion of Christ is very good for old women. I was once complimented by a person who told me he believed my preaching would be extremely suitable for blacks—for Negroes. He did not intend it as a compliment, but I replied, "Well, sir, if it was suitable for blacks, I should think it would be very suitable for whites; for there is only a little difference of skin, and I do not preach to people's skins, but to their hearts."

Now, of Christ we can say that He is universally a wonder; the strongest intellects have wondered at Him. Our Lockes and our Newtons have felt themselves to be as little children when they have come to the foot of the cross. The wonder has not been confined to ladies, to children, to old women and dying men; the highest intellects, and the loftiest minds have all wondered at Christ. I am sure it is a difficult task to make some people wonder. Hard thinkers and close mathematicians are not easily brought to wonder; but such men have covered their faces with their hands and cast themselves in the dust, and confessed that they have been lost in wonder and amazement. Well then may Christ be called Wonderful.

"His name shall be called Wonderful."

II. He Is Wonderful for What He Is In the Present

And here I will not diverge, but will just appeal to you per-

sonally. Is he wonderful to you! Let me tell the story of my own wondering at Christ, and in telling it, I shall be telling the experience of all God's children.

1. Jesus Christ Wonderful in Saving Sinners

There was a time when I wondered not at Christ. I heard of His beauties, but I had never seen them; I heard of His power, but it was nought to me; it was but news of something done in a far country—I had no connection with it, and therefore I observed it not.

But once upon a time there came one to my house of a black and terrible aspect. He smote the door; I tried to bolt it, to hold it fast. He smote again and again, till at last he entered, and with a rough voice he summoned me before him; and he said, "I have a message from God for thee; thou art condemned on account of thy sins." I looked at him with astonishment; I asked him his name. He said, "My name is the Law"; and I fell at his feet as one that was dead. "I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." As I lay there, he smote me. He smote me till every rib seemed as if it must break, and the bowels be poured forth. My heart was melted like wax within me; I seemed to be stretched upon a rack—to be pinched with hot irons—to be beaten with whips of burning wire. A misery extreme dwelt and reigned in my heart.

I dared not lift up mine eyes, but I thought within myself, "There may be hope, there may be mercy for me. Perhaps the God whom I have offended may accept my tears and my promises of amendment, and I may live." But when that thought crossed me, heavier were the blows and more poignant my sufferings than before, till hope entirely failed me, and I had nought wherein to trust. Darkness black and dense gathered around me; I heard a voice as it were, of rushing to and fro, and of wailing and gnashing of teeth. I said within my soul, "I am cast out from His sight, I am utterly abhorred of God; He hath trampled me in the mire of the streets in His anger."

And there came one by of sorrowful but of loving aspect, and He stooped over me, and He said, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." I arose in astonishment, and He took me, and He led me to a place where stood a cross, and He seemed to vanish from my sight. But He appeared again hanging there. I looked upon Him as He bled upon that tree. His eyes darted a glance of love unutterable into my spirit, and in a moment, looking at Him, the bruises that my soul had suffered were healed; the gaping wounds were cured; the broken bones rejoiced; the rags that had covered me were all removed; my spirit was white as the spotless snows of the far off North; I had melody within my spirit, for I was saved, washed, cleansed, forgiven, through Him who did hang upon the tree.

Oh, how I wondered that I should be pardoned! It was not the pardon that I wondered at so much as the wonder was that it should come to me. I wondered that he should be able to pardon such sins as mine, such crimes, so numerous and so black, and that after such an accusing conscience He should have power to still every wave within my spirit and make my soul like the surface of a river, undisturbed, quiet, and at ease.

His name then to my spirit was Wonderful. But, brethren and sisters, if you have felt this, you can say you thought Him wonderful then—if you are feeling it, a sense of adoring wonder enraptures your heart even now.

2. Wonderful to His Own in Trouble

And has He not been wonderful to you since that auspicious hour when first you heard Mercy's voice spoken to you? How often have you been in sadness, sickness, and sorrow! But your pain has been light, for Jesus Christ has been with you on your sick-beds; your care has been no care at all, for you have been able to cast your burden upon Him. The trial which threatened to crush you,

rather lifted you up to Heaven, and you have said, "How wonderful that Jesus Christ's name should give me such comfort, such joy, such peace, such confidence."

Various things bring to my recollection a period now removed by the space of nearly two years. Never shall we forget, beloved, the judgments of the Lord, when by terrible things in righteousness He answered our prayer that He would give us success in this house. We cannot forget how the people were scattered—how some of the sheep were slain, and the shepherd Himself was smitten.

I may not have told in your hearing the story of my own woe. Perhaps never soul went so near the burning furnace of insanity and yet came away unharmed. I have walked by that fire until these locks seemed to be crisp with the heat thereof. My brain was racked. I dared not look up to God, and prayer that was once my solace, was the cause of my affright and terror, if I attempted it.

I shall never forget the time when I first became restored to myself. It was in the garden of a friend. I was walking solitary and alone, musing upon my misery, much cheered as that was by the kindness of my loving friend, yet far too heavy for my soul to bear, when on a sudden the name of Jesus flashed through my mind. The person of Christ seemed visible to me. I stood still. The burning lava of my soul was cooled. My agonies were hushed. I bowed myself there, and the garden that had seemed a Gethsemane became to me a Paradise. And then it seemed so strange to me that nought should have brought me back but that name of Jesus. I thought indeed at that time that I should love Him better all the days of my life.

But there were two things I wondered at. I wondered that He should be so good to me, and I wondered more that I should have been so ungrateful to Him. But His name has been from that time "Wonderful" to me, and I must record what He has done for my soul.

3. Wonderful In Fellowship Is Jesus

And now, brothers and sisters, you shall all find every day of your life, whatever your trials and troubles, that He shall always be made the more wonderful by them. He sends your troubles to be like a black foil, to make the diamond of His name shine the brighter. You would never know the wonders of God if it were not that you find them out in the furnace. "They that go

down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep"; and we shall never see the wonders of God except in that deep; we must go into the deeps before we know how wonderful are His power and His might to save.

I must not leave this point without one more remark. There have been times when you and I have said of Christ, "His name is wonderful indeed, for we have been by it transported entirely above the world, and carried upward to the very gates of Heaven itself." I pity you, beloved, if you do not understand the rhapsody I am about to use.

There are moments when the Christian feels the charms of earth all broken, and His wings are loosed, and he begins to fly; and up he soars, till he forgets earth's sorrows and leaves them far behind; and up he goes, till he forgets earth's joys, and leaves them like the mountain tops far below, as when the eagle flies to meet the sun; and up, up, up he goes, with his Saviour full before him almost in vision beatific. His heart is full of Christ; his soul beholds his Saviour, and the cloud that darkened his view of the Saviour's face seems to be dispersed. At such a time the Christian can sympathize with Paul. He says, "Whether in the body or out of the body I can not tell—God knoweth!" but I am, as it were, "caught up to the third heaven." And how is this rapture produced? By the music of flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of instruments? No. How then? By riches? By fame? By wealth? Ah, no. By a strong mind? By a lively disposition? No. By the name of Jesus. That one name is all sufficient to lead the Christian into heights of transport that verge upon the region where the angels fly in cloudless day.

III. Jesus Wonderful in the Future

I have no more time to stay upon this point, although the text is infinite, and one might preach upon it for ever. I have only to notice that His name shall be called Wonderful IN THE FUTURE.

1. Wonderful in Judgment

The day is come, the day of wrath, the day of fire. The ages are ended; the last century, like the last pillar of a dilapidated temple, has crumbled to its fall. The clock of time is verging to its last hour. It is on the stroke. The time is come when the things that are made must disappear. (Continued on page 10)

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Searching the Scriptures for the Saviour

By Elizabeth Rice Handford

1 Kings 8 Solomon Builds a Temple

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth?" Solomon asked in amazement. "Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded." But God had indeed promised to dwell on the earth, first in this temple, and then later God Himself, incarnate, in Jesus. For "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). So the temple is a type of Christ. Perhaps its meaning is not as clear as the tabernacle, where we are told the significance of every color, every wood, every piece of furniture. But much of this furniture and its arrangement went into the temple. It may be that the tabernacle (a temporary tent) pictures the brief 33 years Jesus was on earth when He came to die, and that the temple, of hewn stones, indicates His presence among us throughout all eternity.

God would not let David build the temple, for he was a man who had shed much blood, and the temple is to picture Christ. No sound of tools was to be heard in its building. Every stone was perfectly cut before it was brought to the temple site, to show Christ's perfection. The temple was built on a hallowed place. It was likely the same Mount Moriah (compare Gen. 22:2 and II Chron. 3:1) where 900 years before, Abraham had offered up Isaac, his only son, in another picture of Christ. It was on another outcropping of this same mountain—the place of the skull—where a thousand years later Jesus would die for the sins of the world.

Jesus told the Pharisees, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Scriptures explain, "But he spake of the temple of his body" (John 2:21). In the temple was a great veil, thick as a man's hand, barring the way to the Holy of Holies. When Jesus died, it was rent from the top to the bottom, to show that the way to God was at last made open, through the broken body of the Saviour (Heb. 10:19, 20).

We will not need the temple in the new Heaven and earth to which we are going. John said, "I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." In that blessed day, we will replace the picture for the glorious reality of the Saviour's own presence, forever!

Clues Across

- 1 "I chose David to be over my people Israel"
- 4, 22 "But God dwell on the earth?"
- 8 "there is no like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath"
- 10 a city of Lycia, where Paul went on his way to Rome (Acts 27:5)
- 11 father of Pagiel (Num. 1:13)
- 13 "Who his own self our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2:24)
- 14 "Woe to them that are at in Zion" Amos 6
- 17 "I will fasten him as a in a sure place" Isa. 22
- 21 "Go the land, even Jericho" Josh. 2
- 22 see 4 across
- 23, 50 "The Lord said that he would in the darkness"
- 25 "sit on the throne of Israel, the Lord promised"
- 26 "so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or"
- 27 "justifying the righteous, give him according to his righteousness"
- 28 "The blueness of a cleanseth away evil" Prov. 20
- 30 "whose trust shall be a spider's" Job 8
- 32 two days appointed when the Jews would rejoice in their victory over Haman (Esther 9:21, 26)
- 33 hard (variation of dear)

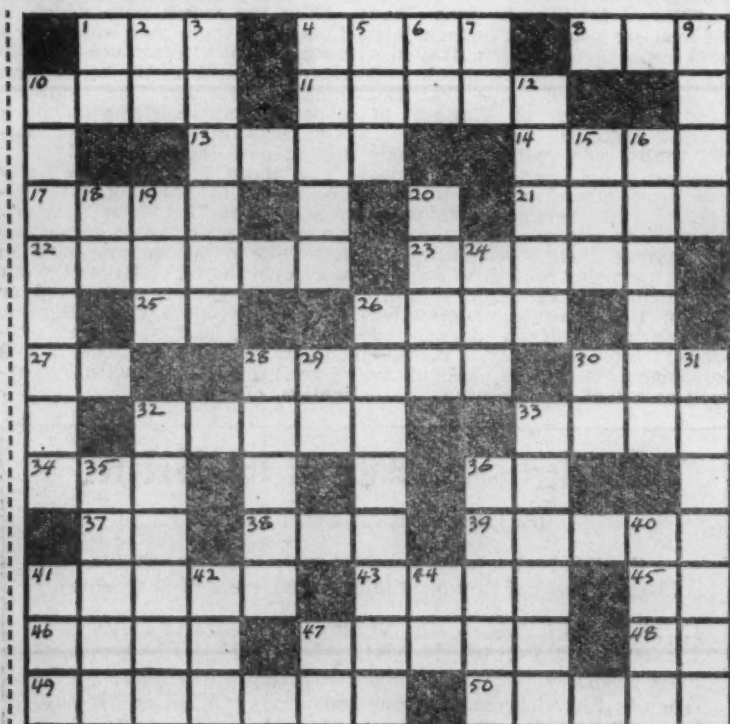
- 34 initials of Jacob's two wives and his brother (Gen. 29:29, 23; 25:25, 26)
- 36 "there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which promised"
- 37 "from kneeling his knees with his hands spread up to heaven"
- 38 "which shall know every man plague of his own heart"
- 39 "that all people of the may know thy name, to fear thee"
- 41 "the which I have built for thy name"
- 43 "Though the waters thereof and be troubled" Ps. 46
- 45 "Howl, O Heshbon, for is spoiled" Jer. 49
- 46 "the inhabitant of this shall say in that day" Isa. 20
- 47 "for thou, even thou only, knowest the (s) of all the children of men"
- 48 initials of nephew and brother of Abraham (Gen. 11:27)
- 49 "a place for thee to abide in for ever"
- 50 see 23 across

Clues Down

- 1 "What prayer and supplication soever be made any man"
- 2 Chaldean city which Abraham left to come to Canaan (Gen. 11:31)
- 3 "There was nothing in the ark save the two of stone"
- 4 "For God so loved the"
- John 3

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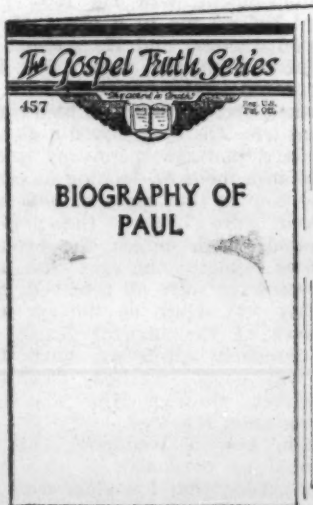
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- 5 "Which are blackish by reason of the" Job 6
- 6 initials of land to which Solomon sent servants to hew cedar for temple (I Kings 5:14) and son of Solomon who succeeded him as king (I Kings 12:1)
- 7 sixth tone of the scale
- 9 "And they out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen"
- 10 "the priests could not stand to because of the cloud"
- 12 "for he hath said, I will leave thee, nor forsake thee" Heb. 13
- 15 to trouble, as used in Genesis 21:7
- 16 "a certain woman named Lydia, a of purple" Acts 16
- 18 "I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build house"
- 19 girl's name
- 20 garden planted by God (Gen. 2:8)
- 24 stopper used in gun to hold charge of powder
- 26 "sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor for multitude"
- 28 "I will put my laws into their mind, and them in their hearts" Heb. 8
- 29 initials of land from which Solomon brought gold (I Kings 9:28) and land over which Solomon reigned (I Kings 8:20)
- 30 "saying, have sinned, and have gone perversely"
- 31 "Yet if they shall themselves in the land whither they were carried captives"
- 32 next to the last
- 33 "If there be in the land, if there be pestilence" II Chron. 6 (notice this chapter also records Solomon's prayer of dedication of temple)
- 35 "there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to" Acts 13
- 36 "thy servants that walk before thee with all their"
- 40 a soft mineral used in powder
- 41 "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto people Israel"
- 42 "I have there a place for the ark"
- 44 initials of a man who feared the Lord greatly, and the wicked king whom he served (I Kings 18:3)
- 47 "when shall come and pray toward this house"

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By Arthur E. Bloomfield

Paul was perhaps the greatest servant of God from the dawn of creation to the present hour of his life story in one of the most thrilling recorded on the pages of holy writ. Well did Whedon call this man "a fallen star of Judaism, but the rising star of Christianity."

This biography begins correctly with his conversion to Christ on the road to Damascus, takes the reader along the trail of his first missionary journey, shows the part he played in the Council at Jerusalem, describes his experiences in the Philippian jail, in Thessalonica, in Athens and in Corinth, then relates the particulars of his last trip to Jerusalem, closing with his journey to Rome and ultimate death at the hand of the government there.

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Lo, I see earth's bowels moving. A thousand hillocks give up the slumbering dead. The battle fields are clothed no more with the rich harvests that have been manured with blood; but a new harvest has sprung up. The fields are thick with men. The sea itself becomes a prolific mother, and though she hath swallowed men alive, she gives them up again, and they stand before God, an exceeding great army.

Sinners, ye have risen from your tombs; the pillars of Heaven are reeling; the sky is moving to and fro; the sun, the eye of this great world, is rolling like a maniac's, and glaring with dismay. The moon that long has cheered the night now makes the darkness terrible, for she is turned into a clot of blood. Portents, and signs, and wonders past imagination, make the heavens shake, and make men's hearts quail within them.

Suddenly upon a cloud there comes one like unto the Son of Man. Sinners, picture your astonishment and your wonder when you see Him. Where art thou, Voltaire? Thou saidst, "I will crush the wretch." Come and crush him now! "Nay," saith Voltaire, "He is not the man I thought He was." Oh, how will He wonder when He finds out what Christ is! Now, Judas, come and give Him a traitor's kiss! "Ah! nay," says he, "I knew not what I kissed; I thought I kissed only the son of Mary, but lo He is the everlasting God!"

Now, ye kings and princes that stood up and took counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed, saying, "Let us break his bands asunder, and cast his cords from us," come now; take counsel once more; rebel against Him now! Oh, can ye picture the astonishment, the wonder, the dismay, when careless, godless infidels and Socinians find out what Christ is? "Oh," they will say, "this is wonderful! I thought not He was such as this"; while Christ shall say to them, "Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such as yourselves; but I am no such thing; I am come in all my Father's glory to judge the quick and dead."

Pharaoh led his hosts into the midst of the Red Sea. The path was dry and shingly, and on either shore stood, like a wall of alabaster, the clear white water, stiff as with the breath of frost consolidated into marble. There it stood. Can you guess the astonishment and dismay of the hosts of Pharaoh when they saw those walls of water about to close upon them? "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and per-

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ish!" Such will be your astonishment when Christ, whom ye have despised today—Christ, whom ye would not have to be your Saviour—Christ, whose Bible ye left unread, whose Sabbath ye despised—Christ, whose Gospel ye rejected, shall come in the glory of His Father and all His holy angels with Him. Ay, then indeed will ye "behold, and wonder, and perish," and shall say, "His name is Wonderful."

2. Wonderful, Eternal Peace and Salvation for the Redeemed, Forgiven Ones

But perhaps the most wonderful part of the day of judgment is this: Do you see all the horrors yonder—the black darkness, the horrid night, the clashing comets, the pale stars, sickly and wan, falling like figs from the fig tree? Do you hear the cry, "Rocks, hide us; mountains, on us fall"? "Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise"; but there never was a battle like this. This is with fire and smoke indeed. But do ye see yonder? All is peaceful, all serene and quiet. The myriads of the redeemed, are they shrieking, crying, wailing? No; see them! They are gathering—gathering round the throne. That very throne that seems to scatter, as with a hundred hands, death and destruction on the wicked, becomes the sun of light and happiness to all believers. Do you see them coming, robed in white, with their bright wings, while gathering round Him they veil their faces? Do you hear them cry, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, for thou wast slain, and thou hast risen from the dead; worthy art thou to live and reign, when death itself is dead"? Do ye hear them? It is all song, and no shriek. Do ye see them? It is all joy, and no terror.

His name to them is Wonderful; but it is the wonder of admiration, the wonder of ecstasy, the wonder of affection, and not the wonder of horror and dismay. Saints of the Lord, ye shall know the wonders of His name when ye shall see Him as He is, and shall be like Him in the day of His appearing. Oh, my enraptured spirit, thou shalt bear thy part in thy Redeemer's triumph, unworthy though thou art, the chief of sinners, and less than the least of saints. Thine eye shall see Him and not another; "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth. Though worms devour this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

Oh, make yourselves ready, ye virgins! Behold the bridegroom cometh. Arise and trim your lamps, and go ye out to meet Him. He comes—He comes—He comes! And when He comes, you shall well say of Him, as you meet Him with joy, "Thy name is called Wonderful. All hail! all hail! all hail!" —The End—

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the wicked every day" (Ps. 7:11). Hatred is not at all inconsistent with love. It is *what* you hate, *why* you hate, and *how* you hate that determines its good or evil. Such is the case in the personality of John Rice, best defined as an apostle of love. Those who think of him as harsh, cruel, cutting or bitter because of his bold, dogmatic, uncompromising stand in defense of the faith simply do not know the real John R. Rice!

John Rice honestly, sincerely loves people. He seeks to make a friend of every stranger. The continuing of "brotherly love" is defined as being "not forgetful to entertain strangers" (Heb. 13:1, 2) and his home has always been open for meals and lodging to any and all who might be passing that way. Not a few are the folks whom I have met in various parts of the country who have informed me they "spent the night" with Dr. Rice. He knows no respect of persons—the "nobodys" are just as welcome as the "somebodys" in his home. In his revivals he insists on shaking hands with every new convert no matter how few or how many and if an usher starts the person to the inquiry room first, he will insist, "Bring that person to me!" One associate told me of seeing him lean over the platform to shake hands for nearly an hour.

Whenever a visitor comes into the Calvary Baptist Church which he founded and pastored in Wheaton—even though it is Sunday morning and the preliminaries are already underway—he will leave the platform and go personally to welcome the stranger. Arriving at the Sword office, he waves his hand to everyone and has a friendly greeting for each employee in sight. When he gets to his secretary's office, Miss Viola Walden, he may greet her with some prankish phrase like "*Comment allez vous ce matin?*" meaning "How are you this morning?"

When visitors drop in at the Sword of the Lord, he shows them every courtesy. I have never known of anyone desiring to meet him who came by the office and was told that he was too busy. And there is an obvious note of sincerity in his friendly greeting, "How are you? I am so glad to see you!" If the visitor wants to see the various departments and all the employees are busy, he personally escorts him on the tour, introduces him to the workers, describes their duties, and otherwise makes the guest feel welcome. No doubt the visitor concludes that Dr. Rice's work is not very pressing, but several hundred letters may be waiting for his answer, rush copy for THE SWORD OF THE LORD may have to be ready in an hour, or there may be several radio broadcasts which must be taped before he can leave the office that day. Many times he has had about five or ten minutes before leaving to catch a plane when someone would want to see him. He never turns them down, although as a result his

secretary may have to go along with him to the airport to finish the last bit of work he had to do before leaving Wheaton. If the visitor is a minister, in all probability he will leave with a free copy of *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, or *The Power of Pentecost*, or *What It Costs to Be a Good Christian*.

One employee who has been with Dr. Rice since 1935 and has lived in his home about two-thirds of that time, wrote me:

When I speak of Dr. Rice, I am not speaking from short acquaintance but on the basis of long and close association. I have seen him at home and abroad. I have seen him when he was relaxed and when under such pressure and burden as would seem enough to crush him. I have seen him surrounded by loved ones and among strangers. I have seen him both sick and well. I have seen him when people praised and loved him as well as when he had lost the dearest of friends because of his uncompromising stand for Christ. In all of these circumstances and during all of this time, his life has been miraculously consistent. I have never once seen him lifted up with pride or show personal resentment toward those who did him harm, misunderstood him, or misrepresented him. Not once have I seen him take unfair advantage of another. And, perhaps most remarkable of all, not once do I ever remember seeing him discouraged.

I have never seen him other than mild *except* when he had to be otherwise in order to do right. Then I have seen him as bold as a lion, strong as steel, unmovable as a mountain of stone in defending Christ and the Bible or when influences were at work trying to beat him down or turn him from a course he was convinced was right. I have seen him as objective as a judge on a bench when deciding what was right and what was wrong, even though his own children or his wife were involved. I have heard him with holy boldness and unmitigated condemnations expose modernists and other deniers of the Bible. Perhaps I have seen him more rigid with himself than anyone else.

Then this close friend and associate summed it up by saying:

Yet I have never known a person with a greater capacity for loving people. How he yearns after people and prays for them! How he longs to help them!

His treatment of correspondence manifests that love for people. No letter is treated lightly. He answers, often in great detail, many, many problems. A most vitriolic letter may come to his desk bristling with critical animosity and bordering on personal hatred, yet he will take time to answer kindly and thoroughly the critic. This manifestation of love has paid big dividends and many times the offending person has written back to confess his wrong.

His secretary, Miss Walden, sent me a letter which she suggested I reproduce here as representative of the above. It came from a Methodist minister in Ohio who wrote to tell how he had been saved from apostasy and compromise through a series of articles I had written for THE SWORD concerning *The Interpreter's Bible*, a modernist commentary published by the official publishing house of his denomination. His first reaction had been one of anger and indignation, followed by a fiery letter to Dr. Rice. The following paragraphs from his second letter are self-explanatory and indicative of the results Dr. Rice's careful correspondence often produces. This minister wrote:

Dear Brother Rice:

When I wrote you a letter some time ago, asking you to cancel my subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, I thought it would be the last I would hear from you. The Lord apparently planned it otherwise

because your answer made me face up to some of the fundamentals of the Faith which I up to now had found easy to ignore. I have subconsciously been aware of the fact that bit by bit, the essential doctrines of the Faith were being diluted in my thinking until I wasn't sure what I believed. Your letter made me face these questions honestly, and I thank you for this.

It was a misdirected sense of loyalty relative to the infallibility of my Methodist brethren that led to my denouncing you for having denounced them.

Being honest hurts sometimes, but the truth is that after having read one of Brother Sumner's articles I found myself in complete agreement with his remarks. It aggravated me so much that a non-denominational publication could make me lose faith in some of our denominational leaders that the best way to relieve myself of this feeling was to shut the door on the source of my enlightenment. So, I asked you to please cease sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to me. I was wrong. I not only hope that you will continue to send the paper, but if you would—please send all the back issues relating to *The Interpreter's Bible*. I threw the last few copies away, purposefully ignoring what Sumner had to say simply because I contemplated buying that very set. I promise that THE SWORD OF THE LORD will receive my reading interest in the future.

... I realize that you are a very busy man and I can only feel that it must have been directed of the Lord or you would not have taken time to write me such a thorough letter. Your spirit has truly been that of a Christian. If I expected a letter from you, it, in my thinking, would have been a rebuke. I would like an interest in your prayers and hope someday to become better acquainted with you....

As this incident indicates, preachers are a special delight, holding a very tender spot in the heart of this man who has an international reputation of being a "preacher's preacher." He prays daily for scores of them by name. Many of them he has helped financially, sometimes paying debts for others out of his own pocket so reproach would not be brought on an evangelist or pastor. When I was pastoring in Texas and a church fire destroyed my library of over a thousand volumes, he wrote me upon learning of the tragedy and suggested I select twenty-five dollars worth of his books as a gift from him, although I was a total stranger to him at that time. Eternity alone will reveal what he has done for preachers, spiritually and materially.

His love for people is not limited to the saints but finds its greatest fulfillment, perhaps, in a genuine compassion for the souls of the lost. Soul winning is not a theory with him, it is a reality. He witnesses to people wherever he goes and it is not at all unusual for him to return to the office and tell how he won a soldier seated next to him on the plane or of some other type soul-winning experience he had that day. The little chorus he wrote and has used so many times in his revival campaigns is merely the beat of his own heart:

Souls are dying!
Brother, do you care?
Souls undone, away from God,
My brother, do you care?
Souls are dying!
Brother, do you care?
Souls (precious souls) are dying!

Yet his honest, sincere love for people is manifest just as truly in his role of boss as it is of evangelist and editor. Oftentimes people have asked me what it was like to work closely with Dr. Rice. Frankly, if one does not do his work, it will not be a pleasant experience. A perfectionist himself, it is most difficult for him to tolerate inefficiency in others. Yet those who conscientiously do their work could not ask for a finer employer. In all the time that I worked in the office, first as an editorial assistant, then as Associate Editor, I cannot recall

a single time when he raised his voice at me or even rebuked me in any way. Even when I was obviously wrong, he politely and humbly made suggestions to show me my error. Often he would come into my office and ask my counsel about very important matters as if he were the immature, inexperienced one and I the mature, experienced and qualified one.

His intolerance of inefficiency is also explained by the fact that he himself is a very hard worker. He rarely takes a vacation. He never takes a day off to recuperate after a revival meeting. Regardless of how strenuous the schedule has been or how long the journey home, if he arrives in Wheaton on a weekday, he goes immediately to his office and takes up his duties. He may stretch out on the couch for an hour's nap in the middle of the morning or after lunch, but he is on the job all of the time. Remember, too, that he does not receive a single penny in remuneration of any kind for his work as editor or author.

An illustration of his conscientiousness relates to his fall in April, 1957. Going down the back steps in the dark at the office after taping some radio broadcasts late Saturday night, he fell eleven steps and struck his head on the concrete. For about an hour he remained unconscious on the floor. After regaining consciousness, he found his way in the dark up the stairs, out the back door, down the alley between the office and the railroad tracks, around the corner service station to his automobile, then drove by the post office and mailed the tapes, drove across Wheaton to his home, parked his car and came into the house. His chief concern was not pertaining to how badly he had been hurt—although later it was learned that he had a fractured skull—but about his duties. He repeatedly asked: "Did I lock the door? I wonder if I mailed the tapes?" One of the secretaries went back to the office and the door was securely locked. Others looked everywhere for the tapes and could not find them. A few days later word was received from station WMUU at Greenville, South Carolina, saying the tapes had been received. At such a time, shocked and hurt from what turned out to be a double fracture and concussion, duty was still uppermost in his mind—and that has been typical of his entire life.

Perhaps listing the length of years some of his employees have been associated with him would be an effective illustration of Dr. Rice as an employer. His secretary, Miss Viola Walden, has been with him more than twenty-four years. Miss Fairy Shappard, advertising manager of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, has been with him most of the time for twenty-three years. Charles Himes, manager of the Sword Book Room, has been with him fifteen years. Miss Eva Niles has been with him thirteen years; Assistant Editor Walt Handford, twelve years; Roy Tunstall of the shipping department, ten years; Maxine Jefferies, seven years; Allan MacMullen, seven years; Rose Courtright, six years; William MacLeod, who gave up a successful business of his own to join the staff, six years; and Miss Dottie Reichel, five years.

The last mentioned employee, Miss Dorothy Reichel, has a physical affliction and her testimonial of how he has treated her is not an abnormal portrayal of his personality. She wrote me:

Dr. Rice has truly taken the place of my father the last few years. The way he believes, teaches and follows the Bible is so nearly like the way my father did that it seems almost as if "Daddy" is still guiding me through Dr. Rice. He seems to love me nearly as much as my father did, too, because he is so thoughtful of me.

When I came to work at THE SWORD I had not been able to work more than three hours a day. Dr. Rice had a special desk and chair fixed for me almost like one my father made, which I use at home. Then he allowed me to rest fifteen minutes every morning, as long as I could take for my lunch hour, and fifteen minutes in the afternoon. I felt that he was praying

for me so that I gradually became stronger and in a few months was working eight hours a day, which I have been doing for the last four years.

He also encouraged me to sing again. I had given up my career as a singer because of ill health. He would ask me to sing from the audience at church and finally I took a few more voice lessons on his advice. Now I sing solos at church and am able to go to Chicago evenings and sing at rescue missions. I sing twice in one service which include singing a solo for the invitation at which time I would have previously been very, very tired. I sing the same song over and over while many come forward to be saved: twenty-four the first time, twenty the second time and thirty-nine at another time.

I shall never forget my return to the Sword after taking my first vacation. I did not have a "home" to go to for my vacation so coming back to the Sword was really coming home for me. At the end of Tuesday morning devotions Dr. Rice had all the workers stand in a circle with me and sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." He told me how he wanted me to feel that this was my true home....

Last fall it was necessary for me to have a major operation. I have no close relatives and no relatives anywhere who believe in the Bible as I do so I would have been very lonely if I had not had the love and prayers of Dr. and Mrs. Rice and the Sword people. When I was released from the hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Rice took me to their home for a week and nursed me back to health.

He always seems to sense my need. He never hesitates to rebuke or compliment accordingly. I would truly feel he did not love me if he failed to administer the rebuke.

In anticipation of this chapter, I requested any employees desiring to do so to make some brief comments relative to their own appraisal of Dr. Rice's personality. Parts of some of them I will quote here. One girl, about to be married, wrote:

Dr. Rice's clear and complete grasp of the Scriptures has been a constant source of inspiration to me. I was recently graduated from a Christian college, yet being able to transcribe his dictation and to actually see how he uses the Scripture to answer questions and help solve personal problems of preachers, Sunday School teachers, wives and sweethearts, has been a greater help to me than book study or classroom discussion.

Dr. Rice is not just a walking commentary on the Word of God. His personal interest in each of us workers is amazing. You see, he takes each of us under his wing and makes our interest his interest. I am to be married—only twenty-six days from now—and whenever I go into his office, or during office devotions or a sermon at the church, Dr. Rice refers to my leaving him for "some tall lanky fellow." His teasing is fatherly and actually draws me closer to him. That is wonderful. You see he is making what I am vitally interested in right now part of his life, too....

He is my boss and my pastor, but much more he is my friend, and I thank the Lord for his help in my life.

Another wrote:

Words cannot express what Dr. Rice has meant to me since I came to work at the Sword. It has been through his preaching that I have grown spiritually and my complete outlook on life has changed. I know there are very few who live as close to the Lord as Dr. Rice does. The way he talks to God about everything and trusts Him to work everything out is one of the greatest blessings I have learned from him.

Another employee testified:

When I think of Dr. Rice it isn't usually as a boss (al-

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though he is a wonderful boss), but as a friend, counsellor, one who understands, and most of all—as a father. (I kinda adopted him when my father died.)

I have spent many evenings in Dr. Rice's home which I will never forget—sometimes for games, sometimes for picnics, and other times for advice, but always there was love, understanding, and a happy time.

Some of the features of Dr. Rice that have helped me in my Sunday School teaching and my work in the office, as well as my personal life, are: his love for the Lord, his fight for Truth, and his prayer life. There are many more ways in which he has been a great blessing to me. He is truly a great boss and a true friend.

Another testified simply:

One of the things that has impressed me (the six years I have been with the Sword) is Dr. Rice's unwavering trust in Jesus Christ! When he asks Him to work out a problem, he expects Him to—and He does!

One man who has worked for Dr. Rice for more than a decade stated that he had

... never found any other man so firm in his belief and with the courage to proclaim it and stick to his convictions. After working with the man for ten years one can tell pretty much what kind of a man he is. I will say that Dr. Rice is a man who lives what he preaches.

Another testified:

My own ministry is greatly indebted to his influence. Through his writings I first began to be a soul winner and to develop strong convictions as a Christian. As a student and as a young preacher his ministry has proved to be an invaluable and faithful guide.

A mother of a teen-age daughter testified:

When my daughter was quite small I found myself alone and with the responsibility of correcting and disciplining her. It is always easy to tell someone else how a child should be disciplined but when it is one's own—that is a different matter. About that time I bought Dr. Rice's book on *The Home*. There I found the Bible basis for disciplining and correcting children and it was truly a blessing.

The thing that has impressed me most about Dr. Rice is the fact of his "bigness"—that is the only word I can think of to describe it. By that I mean that his preaching, his thinking, his writing, his love for people and his burden for soul winning reflect his great love and service for His Saviour. His fight is always for Christ and the Bible. There is never any dislike for persons and only principles are involved in his fight.

I think it was Sam Jones who used to say, "You can tell a man's religion by the way he treats his cat!" If that is true, and I think most will agree that it is, at least in part, one would learn a lot by visiting the Rice home and seeing the affectionate bond between Dr. Rice and his dog, Flicka. One of the high spots of a visit to the Rice home is to hear Flicka "sing," accompanied by Dr. Rice at the piano!

Several years ago, during a Sword subscription campaign, Dr. Rice was describing the bond be-

tween master and dog. He wrote:

My toy shepherd, Flicka, stands with her feet on the window sill, her nose against the glass watching for me to come home. When she sees me, she runs to the front door, jumps in a chair beside it so that when I come in she can sit upright in the chair and shake hands with me! She jumps in my lap at every opportunity; sits with her chin on my knee while I eat. And if we don't watch carefully, she brings an old bone to gnaw beside my chair in the living room. She loves to jump over a chair or broomstick to please me, or through my encircled arms to get my praise. She sleeps on the couch in my study and has her head on some of my clothes when possible. Last summer at a Sword of the Lord summer conference under a rough tabernacle, she sat very quietly beside me on the bench, and when I preached sat near the front. Once when I was illustrating how in football a man got his breath knocked out of him and I doubled up with a groan as in pain, Flicka leaped to my assistance in concern, thinking I was hurt. She returned to her seat abashed by her mistake when she found I was not hurt! Yes, Flicka wants to please me.

Speaking of love, it is doubtful whether any other man in the world enjoys being with his family any more than does Dr. Rice. What a glorious time he has when his six daughters, six sons-in-law and nineteen grandchildren all get together. Because he has raised his children by Bible standards and not by the world's theories, many strange and fantastic tales have circulated about his unreasonable rules and how frightened the children are of him. You would not believe some of the rumors which have been told, they are so ridiculous, and there is no point in mentioning them here. However, the fact of the matter is that the Rices are one of the most affectionate families I have ever known. The first words any of the six girls ever learned were, "I love Daddy!" And they do, too! This is one family that works together, prays together, worships together, and loves just being together.

Dr. Rice goes in for sports—tennis, golf, baseball—all of which he plays well. He never argues about any details of the game he is playing, but he always plays to win and is a fierce competitor.

Dr. Rice is very musical and has a deep appreciation for music. All of his children are musical. Many hours are spent in singing gospel hymns around the piano at home, in the car as they travel, and even at the breakfast or dinner table. Incidentally, on one occasion his mother-in-law was visiting in the Rice home and was terribly shocked when in the middle of dinner, Dr. Rice opened his mouth, put back his head, and began to sing. Mrs. Cooke reprimanded, "Why, John R., we were taught not to sing at the table." He replied, "That is one of the reasons I got married—so I could sing at my table if I wanted to." And so through the years he has sung—at the table, in the middle of sermons, at the office, on the golf course, or wherever he happened to be at the time he felt his heart moved with praise.

As a matter of fact, one of his regrets is that he could not take piano when he was in college. He loves to sit down at the piano and pick out favorite melodies. He plays two notes in the right hand with a good moving bass in the left. One of his favorites is "Whispering Hope" and that is the song he has taught Flicka to "sing" while he plays.

It might be well here, while speaking of his love for his family, to quote from a letter by Miss Fairy Shappard. She said:

I remember in Waxahachie—the first revival in which I heard him—I was invited to a home where Brother Rice and his family were also invited. As you know, just about everybody in Texas drinks iced tea in the good old summer time. The hostess on this occasion was serving large goblets of temptingly cool tea. Brother Rice and

his family tried to refuse it—but the hostess was rather lacking in understanding. To tell the truth, I wondered then—and wondered many times afterward—why his family did not drink tea at that time.

It was not until two weeks ago that I learned the reason why. A short time before the Waxahachie meeting Dr. Rice and his family were being entertained in a home. On that occasion the hostess offered as one of the beverage choices, iced tea. When she asked Dr. Rice what he would have to drink, he said he would take tea. Grace, then a little girl, was sitting beside him. When the hostess gave her a choice, she also took tea.

He did not feel little children should drink tea and was immediately faced with the realization that if he drank it and refused to let her have it... well, that just wouldn't do for him. You see, Dr. Rice does not have one standard for himself and another standard for other people, even his children. For two full years he did not drink tea, and many times I have seen other and similar examples of his consistency in practicing himself what he demands of others.

Yet as great as his love for preachers, the brethren, the lost, his employees, and his family, his love for the Lord eclipses love for anyone and everything else. Here is a man who truly loves God with all his heart! He loves the Word of God. Like Jeremiah he can say, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts" (Jer. 15:16). He has spent a lifetime feeding on the Word of God and God has given him a miraculous insight into the Scriptures. Perhaps this is principally because he has digested it so thoroughly and it has become such an integral part of him.

His obvious delight in the Scripture is manifested in the way he has committed to memory long portions of it. By way of example, he has memorized Psalms 1, 8, 15, 23, 24, 34, 37, 100, 103, 121, and 126. He has committed to memory John 3 and 14, Romans 8 and 12, I Corinthians 13, Philip- pians 4, Matthew 28, the Beatitudes, plus hundreds of other passages and single verses. Each Easter Sunday morning the family quotes Matthew 28 at the breakfast table and at Christmas time they quote together the Christmas story from Luke 2. There are over three hundred verses just in the above mentioned passages, not counting the Beatitudes or the Christmas story.

His love for the Bible and delight in it has made his biblical exposition among the foremost in the world. One lady told me that she had been saved seven years when she first heard him, but could not have found John 3:16 in the Bible without asking someone for help. After sitting under Dr. Rice's preaching for twelve weeks in a big, independent campaign, she knew what the Bible taught about all the major Bible doctrines and also on almost every subject relating to the Christian life—the plan of salvation, baptism, the second coming of Christ, the millennial reign of Christ, and many, many others. As still another has commented, his ministry certainly proves false the tritely expressed opinion: "An evangelist is incapable of profound Bible preaching."

This love for the Lord and His Word explains the vigorous defense he has made down through the years for the purity of the Saviour's Gospel. In the testimony William MacLeod wrote for me, he said:

My work at the Sword of the Lord has brought me into close contact with Dr. Rice during these years. After six years, I can honestly say my admiration for Dr. Rice has steadily grown. First and foremost, because of his unwavering stand in defense of the faith. I can recall many, many times when some issue has come up and perhaps if the decision were left to some others of us here at the Sword of the Lord we would have taken the road of least resistance. But

not so with Brother Rice, who would always insist that we could not, must not, will not compromise what we know to be the truth of the Bible to curry favor of anyone despite the cost. In many instances it could mean thousands of dollars or the loss of many friends.

Only Saturday of last week, I talked with Dr. Rice, giving a report of a trip through the South as far as Florida. I well recall Dr. Rice's statement when I was talking, "Brother MacLeod, all we want and all we need is God's people who want to do right and live by the pattern of the Bible." My son David was with me in his office at the time and when we got into the car to drive home, he said, "I sure do admire his stand for the Truth." We sure need more men like Dr. Rice in these days.

One who probably knows Dr. Rice as well as any one outside of his wife and private secretary, Evangelist Walt Handford, his son-in-law and the Assistant Editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, wrote me:

Anyone who has worked for Dr. Rice very long is bound to be struck with his staunch stand for the Bible. When controversial issues arise, his question is never "Will it make me popular?"; or "Will this course of action cost us business or financial backing?"; but, rather, "Is this what the Bible teaches?"... Though many picture Dr. Rice as a lion, he is a most affectionate man with great capacities for love and devotion. It is not because of any vicious tendencies that Dr. Rice speaks out so plainly and boldly against sin.

Dr. Rice's love for the Lord is evidenced also by his personal prayer life. His private secretary, Miss Viola Walden, wrote me:

How fortunate for me that I have, in a measure, been privileged to pray with him over so many problems—great and small. Some would take faith to remove mountains; others so small it seemed to me hardly worth bothering God about. For example, he has some tropical fish in his office, plus a parakeet. Recently, several of the fish died. One day as we talked about their treatment, to my surprise he said, "Let's pray about the little things," then proceeded to ask God for wisdom as to how to treat them. How typical this is of his praying. Many times daily I can hear him praying audibly as he goes about his work—for help in answering his enormous mail, for this person's problem, or concerning details of the promotion of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, for fellow evangelists, and many other matters.

His prayer life is not a formal or mechanical thing, it is part of his intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. When Joanna was a girl of about thirteen or fourteen, her bedroom was next to Dr. and Mrs. Rice's room. Often she would hear her daddy praying in the night. One night she was awakened and thought he was asking for something, but when she went into his room and asked what he wanted, he said, "I didn't want anything. I was just talking to a Friend of mine."

Along this line, Miss Shappard was telling me how she happened to begin working for Dr. Rice. It was during the depression, jobs were very hard to get, and she was the only one of her family working at the time. She wanted to join Dr. Rice's staff and he wanted her to come, but he did not feel it would be right for her to join him in what would have to be sacrificial pay as long as she was the only one in her family working. One Saturday afternoon in June, 1935, she went to Dallas and reminded Dr. Rice that she felt God wanted her in the work. He said, "Well, why don't we pray that you will lose your job and your father will get a job." He stopped and had prayer then and there. She was working in a government office and, as far as she then knew, had a job as long as she wanted it. But Monday morning when she went back to work

she was told that her job had been discontinued. The same day her father got work and the next week she went to Dallas to begin working full time for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Another evidence of his love for the Lord is his unselfishness and the strong sacrificial spirit with which he supports the Lord's work. His unselfishness is amazing to behold. Perhaps it would be hard to convince the Internal Revenue Department of the way he spends his money, but it is nevertheless so. On matters pertaining to himself, he is one of the most frugal persons imaginable. Most of his clothes are gifts from others. Yet he is as liberal pertaining to the Lord's work as he is frugal about his own. The contrast is amazing. He abhors waste. Mrs. Rice has to find many ways to fix leftovers; none are thrown away at his house. Poor Flicka gets only the crumbs from her master's table (plus dog food), not the leftovers. When Dr. Rice returns from a revival, he finds what Mrs. Rice needs for the family, then often gives the rest to his "Ministers and Missionary Fund," or sends it to some work of the Lord.

On one occasion he put a boy from British Guiana through the Moody Bible Institute. That is, he and some others guaranteed the boy's expenses and helped him considerably. He has given so much money to TEAM that on his desk is a "Life Membership" from them stating, "This certifies that The Evangelical Alliance Mission hereby confers upon Dr. John R. Rice the rights and privileges of Life Membership in recognition of deep interest in Foreign Missions." It is dated February 11, 1955.

Yes, in the heart of John R. Rice beats a fierce and all-consuming passion for Jesus Christ. It can be said of him, as was said by the Jews concerning our Lord's affection for Lazarus, "Behold how he loved him!" Part of this love is expressed in Dr. Rice's hymn, of which he wrote both words and music, "I Love Thee My Jesus":

What words can I find to tell Jesus I love Him,
Because He first loved me;
Because of my ransom He paid with such suffering,
Upon the cursed tree.

O come, let us magnify Jesus together,
For praise becometh Thee;
And blessings about me I owe to my Saviour,
Who all things bought for me.

May never my praises be slow or be silent,
Nor e'er my love be dumb.
This sinner is saved and my sins all forgiven,
The Saviour's work is done!

O how can I love Thee enough, dear Redeemer,
How e'er repay my Friend?
I'll spread the glad sound of my praise
and my heart love
On every joyful wind!

In the morning, at the noon-time
And when come evening shadows,
I love Thee my Jesus,
I love Thee my King,
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I love Thee my Saviour and Lord.

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